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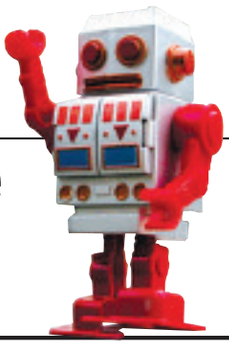

The appliance of science

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City set to be uni of the future

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE

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THE city is on track to become a 'university of the future'.

The University Centre MK (UCMK), an offshoot of MK College, is one of six institutions selected by the Government to move forward in its 'University Challenge' initiative.

Its dean, Dr Keith Straughan, believes this puts UCMK on track for its royal charter - when it will officially become a university - by 2020.

Being selected out of 23 places will result in more funding and more places.

Successful applicants have received up to £20 million in the past.

Currently its 500 students are taught at the Silbury Boulevard base, which awards two-year foundation degrees.

UCMK, which opened last September, was chosen by the Government's Higher Education Funding Council of England (HEFCE) because this area has not got adequate higher education facilities.

The bid is being led by the University of Bedfordshire, but the University of Warwick, Oxford Brookes and the Open University are also involved.

Computer giant Microsoft has even shown an interest in developing the 'innovative' plan, according to Dr Straughan.

He said: "We had to show what we're going to do that will be different, and also show that there is local demand.

"Milton Keynes needs a university but it doesn't necessarily need to be like other universities.

"I've been asked to build a university for the future.

"I envisage we will have additional premises, many more students, more courses, more staff and operating in all sorts of convenient ways. So this announcement is really exciting."

He said the bid focused on the theory of a 'cloud university', whereby facilities are not on one site, and where technology is used to share resources.

Councillor Sam Crooks, leader of Milton Keynes Council, said the city needs a proper university.

He hopes UCMK will be given degree awarding powers by 2017 and its full charter by 2020.

"People say we have the Open University, but that's not residential. They say we have the University of Buckingham, but that's private.

"Here we are, a city with the fastest growing population in the country but no university. People are leaving Milton Keynes to go to university in Sheffield, Bristol, Leeds - and not coming back. We need our own home grown university graduates."

Dr Ann Limb, chairman of the Milton Keynes Higher Education Board, called it a 'landmark announcement'.

The five other 'University Challenge' sites are in Somerset, Crawley, Swindon, Thurrock and The Wirral.

This schoolgirl is set for stardom after winning a part in MK Theatre's spectacular panto. Fourteen-year-old Holly Brewer from Old Farm Park wowed judges at Saturday's MK Top Talent Finals. See pages 6-7 for more.

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Street cleaner dies after being hit on road

A LITTER picker was killed after being hit by a motorbike on a grid road.

Raymond James White, from Rickley Park, Shenley Road, Bletchley was working on the V6 Grafton Street near Bradville at around 3.15pm on Wednesday, September 28 when he was hit by a black Kawasaki motorbike.

An inquest, opened on Friday, heard that Mr White, 60, had crossed from the east side of the dual carriageway to the central reservation.

Coroner's officer Sonia Jackson said: "The motorbike was travelling north on the same stretch of road and as it approached Mr White stepped out to cross the other two lanes and the collision took place.

"Mr White was severely injured and was air lifted to John Radcliffe II Hospital in Oxford, where despite the best efforts of the medical staff and paramedics he unfortunately died."

The inquest was adjourned until February to await the results of a postmortem.

Thames Valley Police has launched an investigation.

A statement from Serco, Mr White's employer, said: "Serco can sadly confirm that one of our street cleansing operatives, Ray White, has been killed in a road traffic accident whilst carrying out his duties on our Milton Keynes environmental services contract.

"The details of the accident are as yet unclear and as in any fatal road accident is the subject of a police investigation.

"Serco takes the health and safety of all staff members extremely seriously.

"We offer Ray's family and friends our deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences on this tragic occasion and can assure them of our full support during this very difficult time."

A spokesman for Milton Keynes Council, which funds the contract for street cleaning, said: "We were very sorry to hear about this accident involving Mr White, who has worked as a sweeper in the Milton Keynes area for more than ten years.

"Our thoughts are with his family, friends and colleagues at this very difficult time."

Anyone who witnessed the collision or has any information is asked to contact PC Paul Taylor at Milton Keynes Roads Policing Department on 0845 8 505 505 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Sadness over plans to remove memorial

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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THE plan to remove a popular cruiser's shrine has been branded 'disrespectful'.

Friends and family constructed a memorial for Paul Dixon, 28, who died last month, at the Hockey Stadium, where he would meet fellow members of the MK Cruise.

The wall and ground were painted with the words RIP DIXON, GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN, and the area was filled with pictures, flowers, football shirts and model cars.

As MK NEWS reported last week, it followed a memorial cruise on September 27 involving aroud 500 mourners who held a two minute horn beeping, speeches and picture slideshows for their friend.

Since the event, cruisers, who meet to show off their modified cars, have visited the site every night. Friends vowed to turn the area into a permanent memorial and even make a special garden.

However, Milton Keynes Partnership (MKP), which owns the stadium, says it will remove the shrine after Mr Dixon's funeral.

The whole stadium will eventually be demolished to make way for a Network Rail headquarters.

Close friend Shane Campbell said: "I think it's a bit disrespectful. They're going to knock it down anyway. Dixon spent most of his life at the stadium."

James Neal, another friend, said: "A lot of people don't believe in spiritual things, but it's a good place for them to go to pay their respects. What's the point in scrubbing it off when they're knocking it down anyway? It's not like we're being hooligans."

An MKP spokesman said: "Milton Keynes Partnership will be arranging for the shrine to be removed at an appropriate time after Mr Dixon's funeral has taken place and we will be asking a specialist team to carry out this work. This team has extensive experience of dealing with these matters with the utmost sensitivity and will be keeping the deceased's family fully informed."

■ See Letters on Page 6 for more reaction to Mr Dixon's death.

Paul

State-of-the-art shop proves the future's bright

A PHONE company has launched its first ever multimedia store in the city.

Orange's state-of-the-art outlet, which is more like a cinema than a shop, opens today in the:centre:mk.

Dubbed a 'digital playground', it includes a giant 70-inch screen and is geared towards workshops and demonstrations.

Cherry Peters, manager of the new store, said: "Advances in digital media are staggering and increasingly becoming an essential part of our everyday life.

"Therefore, the need to keep up has never been greater, which is why Orange has created a fun and entertaining centre for all to enjoy whether you're a tech savvy teen or less aware of what your digital devices can offer to make your life easier."

The worst estate to live on unveiled

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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NETHERFIELD is the worst place to live in Milton Keynes.

The estate has made it back to number one on Milton Keynes Council's list of the 20 'estates with difficulties', after two years off the top spot.

The yearly ranking is part of the Social Atlas 2009, a statistical snapshot of the city which was published on Monday.

Beanhill, crowned 'worst estate' for the past two years, is down to number two, while Coffee Hall has crept back up to third place.

It has also exposed the widening inequalities in the city - namely that if you live in the Woughton area, which includes areas like Netherfield, Coffee Hall and Eaglestone and you are likely to die 12 years earlier than if you live in Middleton.

Life expectancy ranges from 74.4 to 86.2 - far greater than one year ago when the discrepancy in mortality was eight years.

For some estates there may be cause for cheer.

Fishermead has dropped seven places to number 10, while Springfield and Far Bletchley have made their way off the damning list.

The Atlas ranks all 108 estates, towns and villages in Milton Keynes on the basis of various factors, including benefit uptake, 'workless' households, violent crime, criminal damage and teenage pregnancies.

At the other end of the spectrum are places such as Weston Underwood, Loughton Lodge and Kingsmead.

Ranked 108th - and by implication the best place to live - is the village of Gayhurst.

Netherfield resident Joyce Hall said: "I'm really surprised Netherfield is back at the top.

"I fail to see why. We work so hard to make it a nice place.

"We're discriminated against.

"We seem to get a label stuck on us and we're stigmatised. But I love living on Netherfield."

Margaret Roberts, Beanhill Action Group spokesman, said: "We don't tend to take a lot of notice of the list.

"We know what the estate's like, and it's getting better, with a new doctor's surgery and children's centre.

"The bungalows are being painted.

"Crime's gone down. I can't see why we're still up there."

Council leader Cllr Sam Crooks was 'very concerned' when he read about the increased gap in life expectancy, but justified the process of rating estates.

He said: "A lot of funding decisions are made on the basis of evidence we gather.

"We want to publish it in the public arena so people know what's going on.

"The statistics can also be used by academic institutions such as the OU."

■ Do you agree or disagree with this list. Let us know your opinions by emailing editor@mk-news.co.uk

The list in full:
1. Netherfield
2. Beanhill
3. Coffee Hall
4. Tinkers Bridge
5. Conniburrow
6. Fullers Slade
7. New Bradwell
8. Stantonbury
9. Water Eaton
10. Fishermead
11. Eaglestone
12. Fenny Stratford
13. Peartree Bridge
14. Hodge Lea
15. Greenleys
16. Neath Hill
17. Granby
18. Bradville
19. Central Milton Keynes

Great-grandson speaks at the annual Churchill weekend

Randolph Churchill talks to a Sea Cadet at Blet

CHURCHILL fans flocked to the place where the 'hens laid without clucking'.

Bletchley Park, whose codebreakers were praised for their secret but vital endeavours in Sir Winston Churchill's famous analogy, hosted its ninth event dedicated to the wartime Prime Minister.

The annual Churchill weekend saw a series of talks, including a short speech by his great-grandson, Randolph Churchill.

The 44-year-old descendant told a packed Ballroom that he was speaking to MK NEWS last week when he found out that a Heritage Lottery Fund grant of nearly £500,000 was to kick-start a transformation of the decaying buildings.

"I must say, it really brought a tear to my eye," he said.

"Bletchley Park does represent everything that's best in this country - completely dedicated, committed, hard-working people who thought more about the nation than their own personal needs or interests."

A special exhibition told the story of Sir Winston becoming First Lord of The Admiralty, 70 years ago.

His Rolls Royce was even parked outside the Mansion for all to see.

The former Prime Minister only came to the Park officially on September 6, 1941 to thank the codebreakers, dubbing them 'the geese that laid the golden eggs - but never cackled'.

But since 1993 the Park has had a permanent tribute, Jack Darrah's personal collection of memorabilia, including everything from Churchill-themed playing cards to furniture.

Mr Darrah, whose hoard of Churchilliana started with a first edition of his novel, Savrola, said: "I've no idea how many pieces I have.

"It was just a hobby.

"We travelled all over Europe and brought pieces back from all over the world.

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Hearts of oak

SIR – OK, I know it's the second week talking about the oak in Midsummer Place but the tree is obviously depressed. Well wouldn't you be?

For years you stand proud and tall in a field with real grass and cows that come to say hello and take advantage of your shade in summer, the birds sit in your branches and raise their young in nests built amongst your foliage, their young are fed on insects that live there too.

You can feel the wind, the rain and the sun and then in the autumn you shed your leaves whilst you rest and build your strength for the coming winter and spring. And then.....

Some sandle-wearing, bearded architect thinks it's a good idea to take all that away from you and stick you in a building surrounded by oiks that throw their fag ends where grass used to be.

You get some stone cows for decoration, cows that will never move on and have long outstayed their welcome.

You can't feel the wind, you are alone, no-one can touch your bark or shelter under your leaves, what a miserable end for such a noble tree.
Nigel Rudgard
North Crawley

Weeping willow

SIR – I am writing to complain about the Parks Trust regarding your story 'MK trees given chance to enjoy good innings'.

Our wildlife will suffer due to their money-making scheme by cutting down willow trees, we have more than enough bats for cricket and not everyone enjoys cricket.

You will destory what is left of the countryside and take that away from the next generation.

The Parks Trust are selfish people who only care about what you want.
Mark Owen
White Alder, Stacey Bushes

Thanks for free lunch

SIR – In these rather grey and depressing days, how good it is to find what kind people there are in the world.

The eight rather mature ladies who had lunch at the Black Horse at Great Linford last Wednesday had a delightful surprise when they went to pay their bill, as they found it had already been paid by a mystery lady.

They wish to thank her very much for her kindness.

It really made their day.
Name and address supplied

Unbeatboxable

SIR – I went to college in Milton Keynes with Fat Tony ('Beat goes on for drummer boy' MK NEWS September 30).

He did a few little beatbox tutorials in class time and he never, ever stops beatboxing.

He's such a great beatboxer and I wish him all the best. Luvs ya Fat.
Charlotte Shirvington
Sent by e-mail

■ SIR – Tony's YouTube Series has inspired me to take my beatboxing further.

I have been beatboxing myself since 2003, but I don't see myself progressing much further with my sounds repertoire.

With the help of FT's tutorials I am slowly getting better myself.

Hope to see you at BoxCon 2010 Tony – I'll be sure to say hello.
Mark 'Pigeon' Allport,
Sent by e-mail

Staying on track

SIR – MK Rail Users has been described by the Department for Transport as one of the most effective rail user groups in England.

That's a great compliment, but if we want to remain effective, we need more members and more people to volunteer to be on our executive so that we can continue in our important work holding London Midland, Virgin and Network Rail accountable for the services they deliver to travellers from Milton Keynes.

We're pleased that punctuality has improved significantly over the past three months, but we're not complacent, and there are still many service problems that need to be resolved.

Would any of your readers like to be part of the team getting things done and trying to make the service better?

If you use the rail service and want it to be better, come to our AGM at Centre Com, 602 North Row, MK9 3BJ on Thursday, October 15 starting at 7.30pm .

Everyone welcome, whether to raise an issue, to listen, or to volunteer to help.
Jill Hope
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Trench warfare

SIR – There has been three potholes which are now trenches in St Georges Road for over nine months.

The highway maintenance department has been advised several times.

Have we got to wait for an accident to happen and then for an enquiry as to why nothing was done?
Syd Steers
St Georges Road, Bletchley

Round the houses

SIR – It was good to read that MK Council is finally doing something about the large number of empty houses around the city.

It would have been even better if the Lib Dems had actually taken action five years ago when the Empty Dwelling Management Orders were first put in place by the Government.

Labour introduced the new powers in 2004 to allow councils to take over long-term empty homes, refurbish them and rent them to families in need.

It is just a pity that the council has sat on its hands for five years and refused to take any action.

Let's hope that the council has now woken up to the issue and it will not have to be another five years before any more progress is made.
Paul Williams
Sent by e-mail

OAP cries 'foul' for fine as dog didn't do do-do

SIR – I am writing this as I feel I was unfairly scorned by the council's environmental services.

I was walking my dog to my local shops when she squatted to do her business. Looking down when she got up I could see that she had not fouled.

I carried on and did my shopping. So 15-20 minutes later I walked back when I was accosted by a young woman.

She insisted that my dog had fouled. Knowing this to be untrue, I gave her my name and address.

The said woman started looking but at first could not find anything.

She went out of the area and found a turd. This looked not only too large for my dog, it also looked a couple of hours old.

I insisted, yet again, that it was not my dog and would appeal against any fine.

She stated that to do so would not do any good.

I have a grandchild who uses this area and do feel strongly that the right people should be fined.

I will pay the price but wonder if I'm alone in being subjected to this kind of treatment?

I admit that being 76 years old, she might have felt she had found an easy mark.

I wonder how many other people have had the same treatment and the council's coffers are being part funded by fraud.

Mrs B Durrant
Heelands

Dixon remembered

Some of the many e-mails received

SIR – Re 'Cruisers mourn legend'. This is such a nice article. Thank you for expressing how others felt about Dixon. He was a loved guy and always will be. Miss him so much. Thank You MK NEWS.
James Neal

■ SIR – As much as I appreciate the 'cruise' community's wishes to pay their respects to Paul Dixon, they left the area around the stadium in a very poor state with litter and graffiti all over the place.

If only they could show as much respect to their surroundings as they do their own people.
Richard

■ SIR – A tragic story and thoughts to all affected, he's clearly going to be missed by many.

But can I ask the cruisers to appreciate the local areas can hear well into the night, their beeping (not referencing their apt tribute), screeching tyres, wheelspinning, every week. It's annoying and more than just people meeting to show their cars off.
Jim,

■ SIR – Was an awesome send off for an amazing guy! We love you Pablo! As its been said, Gone, but NEVER forgotten.

Oooh and Richard...the police were in attendance in force and they would have put a stop I'm sure to massive amounts of littering if it had occurred.

The 'Litter' and 'Graffiti' happens to be the very large tribute to Dixon that the police had no issue with at all. Jog on.
Jay

■ SIR – What an amazing man, he was one of the first to talk to me at the cruise and always been a close friend. Thank you MK NEWS for this article. R.I.P Dixon see you soon.
Paul Fludgate/bob

■ SIR – Brilliant article. It shows just how much he meant to us all. Love you so much Dixon. Rest easy mate.
Rach P

■ SIR – Dixon will be missed he could always put a smile on your face. R.I.P.
Ben

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South East Regional Minister Jonathan Shaw talks to Red Bull's Anthony Moore, left, and Phil Turner

MK 'vital to SE economy' – minister

THE region's minister has toured the base of the city's Formula One team on a visit to see Milton Keynes' success stories.

Days after Red Bull Racing driver Sebastian Vettel won the Japanese Grand Prix, putting him second place in the championship, South East Regional Minister Jonathan Shaw was at the team's research and development facility in Tilbrook.

During a visit to the city yesterday to find out how the area is responding to the current economic challenges he toured the team factory, viewing the rarely seen procedures and processes which have helped build the team's success in 2009.

Later the minister visited Network Rail's offices at Milton Keynes Central Station to hear about its plans to build a 'national centre' in Milton Keynes, saw Lagan Homes' development at Broughton Gate and in Central Milton Keynes was shown the recently completed Vizion project, which includes a base for the voluntary sector, a range of office space for small businesses, 400 homes and a Sainsbury's store.

Finally he reached the University Centre where he spoke about the successful bid by Milton Keynes Council to create 96 new jobs for young people through the Government's Future Jobs Fund and heard how the voluntary sector is helping city residents cope with the effects of the recession.

Jonathan Shaw said: "The recession has affected us all and has had devastating effects, but in gloomy economic times it is even more essential we look for the positive and work together to stave off the worst effects and pave the way for a stronger future.

"Milton Keynes is a fine example of that. I have seen companies which challenge themselves and look to the future – I have seen whole new communities taking shape; I have seen innovative technology and I have seen the public and private sector working together to ensure the city can secure the skills it needs for the future."

He added: "Milton Keynes is an innovative, vibrant and positive city, and it is vital to the south east economy."

BMX youngster died after asthma attack

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A TEN-YEAR-OLD boy died of a sudden severe asthma attack after enjoying a day with school friends at a BMX track.

Tobias Daniel Terkelsen, known as Toby, collapsed at the BMX track near Tongwell Street, Pineham, on Sunday, July 5 and died shortly after in hospital.

On Friday an inquest heard that Toby, who suffered from a relatively mild form of asthma, went to the track for his first ever visit at around 2pm with three class mates from Great Horwood CofE Combined School.

Deborah Garside, one of two mothers who escorted them, said it was a warm day and the boys were regularly coming back for drinks and biscuits in between whizzing around the circuit.

Shortly after 4pm the group decided to leave but Toby was sat underneath a tree.

Mrs Garside said: "He was saying he felt sick and was drinking from a water bottle.

"Then he was retching a bit and at one point I was rubbing his back but he said 'stop doing that'. His inhaler was on the floor in front of him but he said 'it has nothing to do with my asthma'."

Toby stood up saying he would be fine, but after taking a dozen steps he collapsed.

A passer-by gave the kiss of life and an air ambulance was called.

Toby was taken to MKHospital but doctors could not revive him.

Dr Colene Bowker, consultant paedeatric pathologist at John Radcliffe hospital, who carried out a post-mortem examination, said Toby's lungs showed evidence of a severe asthma attack.

She said: "It is probably only the fourth case we have dealt with like this... it is so sudden and it is not understandable for the family as it happened so quickly."

Toby, who lived with his parents in Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood, was a popular pupil at his school, where he captained the Under-11s football team, and was also a member of Great Horwood Scouts.

Deputy coroner Tom Osborne, returning a verdict that he died of natural causes, said: "This is a tragic case and I have no doubt it will touch the hearts of all parents."

Boy biker was on a day out with three of his friends from school

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Holly Brewer is congratulated by runner-up Nathanial Remy

14-year-old wins MK's

BY LAURA HANNAM
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A FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD singer and pianist has won the chance to perform in a professional panto after wowing the judges in the final of Milton Keynes Theatre's MK's Top Talent competition.

Holly Brewer, from Britten Grove, Old Farm Park, gave a rendition of Alicia Keys' If I Ain't Got You in front of a packed theatre audience on Saturday night.

She came top of forty acts who have battled it out in live heats during the week to win a coveted role in the pantomime Cinderella, starring Bobby Davro, Anthea Turner, Louise Dearman and Ben Adams.

Holly, who attends Walton High said: "It is amazing to have won, I was so shocked.

"Everyone in the competition was so good."

She chose the Alicia Keys song as she is one of her favourite artists and she wanted to try something completely different for the finals.

She said: "I have never played piano and sung in front of an audience before.

"It was a challenge but it was fun and worked out well."

Holly, who has been singing since she was six-years-old, has plenty of experience performing on stage with her uncle's group Swing Dudes and Divas.

She also performed at the Milton Keynes' Diversity ball in 2008, a half time performance at thestadium:mk and other events with local girl group Mjelik, who have since gone their separate ways.

She said: "I love singing, I do not think a day goes by that I don't sing.

"I also love piano, dancing and acting but singing is what I feel most comfortable doing."

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>
> **– Winner Holly Brewer**

She has not been told what part she will play in the pantomime yet but can't wait to start rehearsing.

She added: "MK Top Talent is the biggest thing I have ever done.

"I am so excited, I can't wait to get started.

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Top Talent contest

The finalists line up for a commemorative photograph after the contest

Nine-year-old Ella Austin

Rapper Adam Gates

Judges had to make some tough decisions to choose the winner

MORE than 200 people applied to be part of the competition.

Two intensive judging days in July whittled that down to the final 40.

Then it was on to the week of heats at MK Theatre before finally Saturday's grand final.

Judges in the heats included Bobby Davro, Anthea Turner, panto producer Kevin Wood, Ben Adams, Panto writer Eric Potts, Shona Lindsay, Lucy Ellis from Heart and MK NEWS editor David Gale.

All had a tough decision to make.

Finally from the heats eight acts were put through.

They were Holly Brewer, Natalie Kassanga, Adam& Joe, Nathanial Remy, MK Parkour, Original Genesis, Ella Austin and Adam Gates. Joining them were Cotton Candy who won the internet vote and Tatiana De Souza the highest audience vote winner.

But it was the gifted Holly who came out on top in the final hosted by Heart radios Wes and Ros.

Prince Charming and celebrity guest judge, A1's Ben Adams, said of her performance "that was phenomenal, the only person I have heard singing that song any better was Alicia Keys herself!"

Holly will now be speaking with pantomime producers First Family Entertainment to find out how she will fit into the panto.

Panto producer Kevin Wood said: "We are thrilled to have Holly join us to become part of our show. This is just the beginning for her but is a major step forward in her future on stage. Holly is a very talented girl and its fantastic that we have been able to give her this opportunity to shine"

The show tied in with MK Theatre's tenth anniversary which culminated with a gala concert on Sunday night featuring a host of celebrities led by West End leading lady and Cinderella star Louise Dearman.

Theatre chief executive Elizabeth Addlington said:"MK's Top Talent has been a real success for the theatre and everyone involved and was undoubtedly a highlight of our 10th birthday celebrations.

"The quality of the acts we've seen over the last week has demonstrated beyond a shadow of a doubt what knew all along.

"That MK is full of talent. Everyone who got through to the final stages deserved to be there and we hope they had a fantastic and memorable experience at the theatre. We're all looking forward to working with our winner Holly in Cinderella this panto season."

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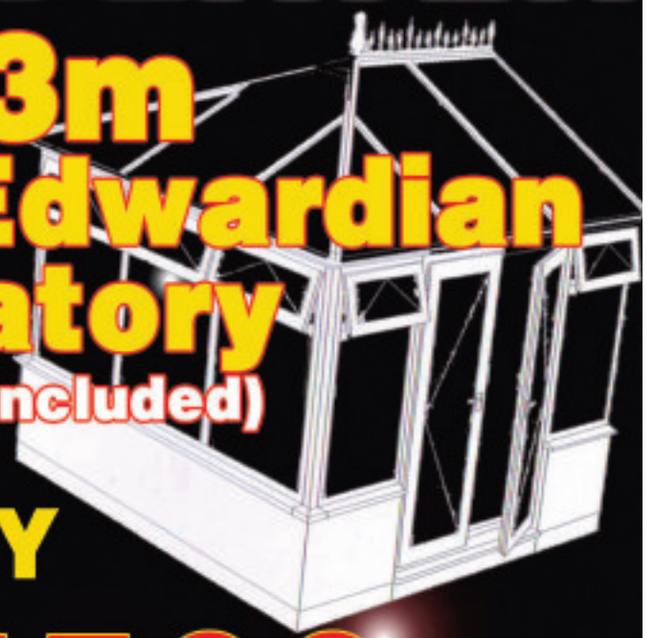

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MK best in regional round of the Britain in Bloom competition

MILTON Keynes has scooped gold in a major award ceremony.

It has been awarded Best Large City and the highest medal rating possible, a Gold Medal, by the Royal Horticultural Society in this year's Thames and Chiltern regional round of the Britain in Bloom competition.

Gardeners, landscape designers, mayors and dignitaries from across the Thames and Chiltern region attended the award ceremony in Newbury.

In addition to the gold medal, Campbell Park also received a regional award for Best Park.

The city's entry was made by Milton Keynes Council, The Open University and The Parks Trust.

The entry received special praise for horticulture, environmental responsibility and for the partnership with The Open University.

The gold medal was bestowed on the city based on a scoring system for floral displays, community involvement, cleanliness, recycling and sustainability. Campbell Park and the Hanson Study Centre were worthy of special mention by the judges.

David Foster, chief executive of The Parks Trust, said: "This award demonstrates to the rest of the UK how fantastic the parks and green spaces of Milton Keynes are. We take great pride in our work caring for the parks and we want to encourage others to do so too. The award for Campbell Park is a great testament to the hard work of our landscape officers and rangers."

Peter Goff, parks and open spaces manager for Milton Keynes Council, added: "This is really an award for the people of Milton Keynes to celebrate. We can all be rightly proud of the hard work of all staff in making Milton Keynes a brighter and better place to live. "

The annual Britain in Bloom campaign is the largest horticultural event in Europe and attracts nearly 2,000 entries from cities, towns and villages across Britain. Throughout July Thames and Chilterns in Bloom Judges visited all the regional entrants looking for all-round horticultural achievement, including conservation and natural areas.

There was also success for Stony Stratford with the town picking up a handful of awards including the Silver Gilt Award in the Urban Community Category, Regional Trophy Winner in the Urban Community Category and a Regional Award for Best Community Involvement

Judy Deveson, Stony Stratford town councillor said: "We are absolutely thrilled with the three awards. We were up against very stiff competition in receiving the Best Community Involvement award all the towns, villages and urban areas of Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire - and we are delighted that the judges recognised the enthusiasm of all the different groups in Stony Stratford, Galley Hill and Fullers Slade who contributed to this excellent result."

Best Large City and a Gold Medal for city in regional Britain in Bloom competition plus 'best' for Campbell Park, above

Missing woman's body found near her home

A TEACHING assistant has been found dead after going missing for more than two months

Fifty-seven-year-old Denise Widdowson's body was discovered just over a mile away from her home in bushes behind Bodle Close, Pennylands on Thursday, September 24.

An inquest, opened last Thursday, heard that Mrs Widdowson, a teaching assistant at Milton Keynes Preparatory School, went missing from her house in Ashdown Close, Giffard Park on Thursday, July 16.

She suffered from depression and anxiety and was under the care of the mental health services.

She was last seen by her husband Peter at around 7am that morning.

Her body was found at 3.42pm on Thursday by two environmental health officers from Milton Keynes Council

A post-mortem has reported the cause of death as unascertainable.

Police are not treating the death as suspicious.

The inquest was adjourned until February.

Hilary Pauley, head of Milton Keynes Preparatory School, said: "We were shocked and saddened to learn of the death.

"Denise had worked at MK Prep School as a teaching assistant for almost ten years."

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Gramps' book a cracker

Mike Harris and his grandfather William E Thomas

BY LAURA HANNAM
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THE grandson of a writer who is losing his memory to Alzheimers has published his grandfather's first and only novel.

Mike Harris set up his own publishing firm solely to publish his grandfather William E Thomas's book The Cypress Branches.

Eighty-four-year-old William, from Central Milton Keynes, has lived in the city for almost 30 years.

He began writing his 700 page novel in 1991, shortly after his retirement as a lab technician at the Open University.

The epic tale centres on the story of a merchant seaman and his love affair.

After being read by a handful of family members, it remained on a series of floppy discs at his home until early last year when his 30-year-old grandson Mike, a television producer from South London, picked it up again and decided to get it printed.

Mike said: "When I first read the book I was immediately smitten and I knew it had to be published. Because of his illness, I knew time was of the essence.

"I wanted gramps to see the finished book while it still had some meaning and I was worried that approaching mainstream publishers in the conventional way would take too long."

Mike set up his own publishing firm called Acute Angle Books and the finished novel was revealed to William at a family gathering, with his eldest son of six children flying in from Canada and four generations of Thomases attending.

William, who celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary with his wife Sheila last year, used his lifetime of experiences – as a paratrooper during the Second World War, a merchant seaman and an engineer to write the novel.

One of the first students to enrol with the Open University, he gained two honours degrees, saw much of the world and consumed arts and culture avidly.

He was also a governor at Simpson School and a parish councillor for Central Milton Keynes.

Mike added: "I started this project because I'm incredibly proud of my grandfather's achievements.

"I know there are many people out there who will love the book and if we were able to introduce it to a wider audience then that would make it an even more incredible achievement. It certainly deserves to sell, it's a cracking read."

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Mark Evans and Haley Flaherty star as Brad and Janet in the Rocky Horror Show at MK Theatre

Broadband boost

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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THE city is to go from being a 'broadband blackspot' to a trail-blazer in the technology.

BT Outreach announced on Thursday that Milton Keynes is one of two places where it will trial a new type of connection for the first time.

Fibre-to-the-premises (FTTP) broadband will run from the Bradwell Abbey exchange, seeing speeds of up to 100 mega bytes per second (mbps) delivered to the surrounding areas by March 2010.

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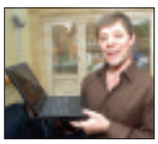

What we want: Adam Chapman of MK Broadband Action Group

A study in June, by researchers SamKnows, showed the city as having poor connectivity, with areas such as Shenley Church End, Walnut Tree and Bradwell suffering the most.

In the trial, 20,000 homes will see speeds soar, though Milton Keynes Broadband Action Group (MKBAG) has called for it to be rolled out to all city houses.

It will be the first time the technology, which fibre optic cable runs from the exchange directly into people's homes, has been launched in brownfield sites (areas where there is already internet infrastructure). The other site is Highams Park, London.

Adam Chapman, spokesman for MKBAG, who previously called the city a 'broadband blackspot', said: "This is exactly the type of news we've been waiting for in MK – something we've been pressing for.

"This technology is the holy grail of broadband. It's new for the UK.

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Business Excellence Awards 2009

Everyone's a winner as 600 enjoy MK's top awards night

All the winners pose for a commemorative picture at the Milton Keynes and North Bucks Chamber of Commerce Awards night

THE winners have been announced at the annual Milton Keynes and North Bucks Chamber of Commerce Awards.

A glitzy night was held at the new Doubletree by Hilton Milton Keynes at stadiummk on Thursday.

More than 600 people enjoyed the evening where 12 prestigious awards were given away to the most deserving businesses across the year.

The big winner on the night was Milton Keynes Theatre which not only walked away with the Customer Service Award but also the overall Business Excellence Award 2009.

Another big winner was Beardow & Adams (Adhesives) Ltd who took the International Trade Award as well as Business of the Year (above £5m). Other winners included Jury's Inn, thecentre:mk, The Re-Use Centre, Evidence Talks, Abbot Fire Group, Kinetic Solutions.

The much sort after, Entrepreneur of the Year Award, went to Dean Dunham from The Dunham Group, a successful and diverse group of companies comprising a law firm, a restaurant/bar, children's day nurseries and the UK's first online property auction company.

Natasha Piper, from the Extra Care Charitable Trust took home the Apprentice of the Year award, with the judges being impressed on how she has overcome adversity to make a positive contribution to the trusts work.

Guest speaker at the event was Jo Salter, Britain's first female fighter pilot.

She gave the audience a glimpse of what it is like to be in control of £25million worth of screaming metal doing 600mph at treetop height.

Master of ceremonies, Declan Curry announced the shortlisted nominees and the respective winners and together with Jo Salter were joined on stage by the individual award sponsors to present the actual awards, which this year represented an eagle in flight. Award creator, artist Liisa Clark, was inspired by the Chamber's 'Vision' magazine when deciding upon the concept and describes it as a metaphor for growth and success.

Rita Spada, CEO at the Chamber of Commerce said: "Milton Keynes proves time and again that it's open for business, our businesses succeed despite adversity, and find opportunities where others find hazards. Congratulations to all the award winners and the shortlisted nominees."

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Milton Keynes & North Bucks Chamber of Commerce

Business Excellence Awards 2009

Left: Master of ceremonies Declan Curry

Below left: Guest speaker Jo Salter

Below right: Rita Spada, Chamber of Commerce CEO

What they said

It is absolutely wonderful to be recognised in the Milton Keynes Business community for our outstanding Customer Service and as Overall Winner against some very strong competition. The theatre and its staff have worked hard and will continue to work hard to provide the best possible levels of customer service to our customers, who we actively encourage to provide us with feedback on all aspects of their experience. In the week that the theatre celebrates its 10th birthday we could not think of a better birthday present and are looking forward to representing the Milton Keynes Business Community on a national level"
Elizabeth Adlington, CEO, Milton Keynes Theatre

This was a very good evening with a very positive atmosphere. The evening gave local businesses a real chance to celebrate their achievements in this challenging economic climate. My congratulations go to all the winners."
Robert Goodman, president, Chamber of Commerce

We are absolutely delighted and privileged, we won in 2007 and we didn't dare dream that we would win again in 2009. Our products are attracting attention from across the globe and we fly to Denver tomorrow morning to showcase one of them, and this is a wonderful thing to fly off with."
Elizabeth Sheldon, Evidence Talks

This is our third year of hosting this prestigious event and each year the environment progresses and gets better and better with the development of the new hotel. The event has once again been a great success. Congratulations to all the winners!"
Pete Winkelman, chairman, Milton Keynes Dons

Milton Keynes proves time and again that it's open for business, our businesses succeed despite adversity, and find opportunities where others find hazards. Congratulations to all the award winners and the shortlisted nominees."
Rita Spada, CEO, Chamber of Commerce

This is the third year in a row for Jury's Inn and we are all absolutely delighted at the win, it's great for the whole team at the hotel."
Grace O'Sullivan, general manager, Jury's Inn Milton Keynes

I am delighted to win Best Entrepreneur. It's been a tough year running several different companies, and it is really nice to have this recognition at the end of it."
Dean Dunham, Dunham Group

AWARD WINNERS

The Business Excellence Award 2009
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Shortlisted: Ann Elliott, Elliott People; Claire Robinson, MK Flyers

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Winner: Beardow & Adams (Adhesives) Ltd
Shortlisted: Milton Keynes Theatre Ltd; Trafficmaster plc

Business of the Year (£1-5m turnover) Sponsored by Barclays Commercial
Winner: Kinetic Solutions
Shortlisted: CN Group; Mirus IT Solutions Ltd

Business of the Year (under £1m turnover) Sponsored by Business Link
Winner: Abbot Fire Group
Shortlisted: Parallel Ltd; Marcus Young Landscapes Ltd

International Trade (consistent performance) Sponsored by WTC Holdings
Winner: Beardow & Adams (Adhesives) Ltd
Shortlisted: CN Group; Kinetic Solutions

Business Innovation Sponsored by The Open University
Winner: Evidence Talks Ltd
Shortlisted: Diversity Marketplace; Mediahawk

Training Excellence - Sponsored by thecentre:mk
Winner: Jury's Inn, Milton Keynes
Shortlisted: Jungheinrich UK Ltd; Purcell Solicitors

Business supporting the Local Community Award Sponsored by Milton Keynes Partnership
Winner: The Re-Use Centre
Shortlisted: Milton Keynes Gallery, Milton Keynes Theatre Ltd

Energy and Environment Sponsored by Kimbells LLP
Winner: thecentre:mk
Shortlisted: Milton Keynes Play Association; The Re-Use Centre

Customer Service Sponsored by Superoffice Software
Winner: Milton Keynes Theatre Ltd
Shortlisted: DeVere Venues Harben House; Jury's Inn, Milton Keynes

MK Apprentice of the Year Sponsored by Jungheinrich UK Ltd
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Shortlisted: Tom McDaniel, The Parks Trust

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Pitch in for bid-backers' fun run

GET running to show your support for Milton Keynes to be a host city for the 2018 World Cup

The MK2018 project board is holding a 5k run on Saturday, October 31 finishing with a lap on the pitch at stadiummk, just before the game against Bristol Rovers.

As well as getting to run on the pitch, all runners will receive an Open for the World T-shirt, a finisher's medal and a ticket to watch the Bristol Rovers game.

Ann Limb, chairman of the MK 2018 project board, said: "This is a perfect way for local people to show their support for the bid and, as long as you are 11 years or older, please join in the fun. You don't have to be super-fit as you can walk, jog or run the course."

The run will link together two key elements of the city's bid – The National Bowl, which is planned as a Fan Fest site where matches will be shown on giant screens, and stadiummk, where world cup games will be hosted.

Action begins with a warm-up at The National Bowl for entrants, with the run starting at 1.15pm.

Pete Winkelman, chairman of MK Dons added: "I'm so pleased that there is a practical opportunity for local people to get behind our bid, and I'll be very pleased to welcome all the entrants to watch the top-of-the-table clash against Bristol Rovers when they have finished the run."

There will also be an element of competition in the event particularly for companies, groups and organisations that can enter teams of at least four people.

There will also be individual prizes for a range of categories with the prizes being awarded at half-time.

The event has even encouraged John Cove, the MK Dons Sport and Education Trust's Chief Executive and member of the MK 2018 Board, to get in training.

John said: "Together with Mark Turner another club director I have been put through my paces by our fitness coach Matt Hillyer, who has been tremendous. I can't help feeling that this has caused a great deal of amusement amongst the players and coaching staff, but this event is for such a good cause that we're putting up with the banter. I do hope that people take up this challenge and join me on the 31st."

The event is being staged by the MK Dons SET, Milton Keynes Council and Make a Difference. It is supported by the MK 2018 Board that includes MK Council, Milton Keynes Partnership, MK Economic and Learning Partnership, Destination MK and MK Dons.

Full details of the race, which costs £6 to enter, can be found at www.miltonkeynespartnership.info and entry by following the link on the site. Limited places are available, and must be booked in advance.

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Extra trains mean more seats for commuters

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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NEW 'shuttle' trains will mean commuters have a better chance of getting a seat on their way to work.

Train operator London Midland has announced five new train services, two of which will benefit Milton Keynes.

From December, travellers will be able to get a 6.33am service from Bletchley and a 6.20pm from Euston to Milton Keynes Central.

The extra seats are part of a successful bid London Midland has made to the Department for Transport for extra trains and extra services as part of the Government's High Level Output Specification (HLOS).

It adds up to an additional 1,600 seats on peak commuter services run by the company.

A number of other improvements will also be made, including extra ticket gates at London Euston to ease congestion on the platforms at peak times and extra staff to operate the services and facilities to support the operation and maintenance of the extra trains.

London Midland managing director, Mike Hodson, said: "These extra seats are great news for London Midland passengers travelling to and from Euston.

"In addition to our £190m investment in new trains, this successful bid means we can provide more peak services when they're really needed."

Jill Hope, MK Rail Users spokesman, said: "We hope that it will deduce overcrowding on the main services. They say that the new shuttles, even the ones from Watford, will alleviate overcrowding here. But if not then we hope that they will have another look at it. But only time will tell."

Phyllis Starkey, MP for South West Milton Keynes, said:

"Thanks to Government investment, these extra measures will come as a relief to MK commuters who frequently have to deal with congested carriages and delayed journeys. "However, I will be closely monitoring the situation to ensure that commuters are able to travel undisrupted on the London Midland service they pay for and deserve."

Curfew for benefit cheat

A WOMAN has escaped jail after claiming housing benefit despite having savings in eight undeclared building society accounts.

One of Deborah Jane Farmer's accounts had more than £24,000 in it.

She appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates Court on Friday pleading guilty to one offence of making a false statement and five offences of failure to notify a change in circumstances.

Farmer, 28, of Gladstone Close, Newport Pagnell, was overpaid £7,754.68 in housing benefit between July 2005 and January 2008.

She was sentenced to eight weeks imprisonment, suspended for two years, and put under a curfew order.

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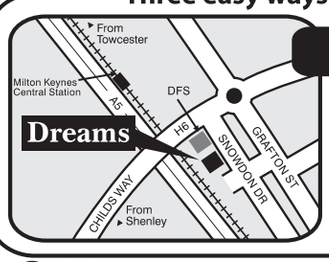

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With more than 20 free public events lined up, the festival will showcase some of city's world-class scientific and technical achievements encouraging and motivating the people of Milton Keynes and its surrounding regions to learn about the world of science, technology engineering and maths.

The schedule of activities, which will include workshops on mammalian evolution at University Centre Milton Keynes, a green transport exhibition with electric vehicle technology, hands-on demonstrations about the digital world at Bletchley Park, and entertaining events ranging from a singtastic concert at The Stables to the screening of the award winning film: In the Shadow of the Moon at the Open University. The festival will be held in various locations around the city involving local schools, universities, societies and businesses.

Dr Lindsey Shaw Greening, MK Science Festival co-ordinator said: "We have some very exciting events planned for this year's festival which involves hands-on scientists sharing their knowledge with as many people as possible. We hope to strengthen the relationships between schools and the universities, and links from education to business and create enthusiasm in young people and adults to learn about science with applied physical demonstrations."

The festival's Moon Day to be held on Saturday, October 24 at the Open University invites members of the public to attend late in the evening to look at lunar meteorites using a geological microscope. Lunar experts and astronomers will also demonstrate the application of latest technology in creating virtual microscope images of moon meteorites for research.

"Many of the activities are designed for schools and families and we hope they will inspire the next generation of scientists, engineers and technologists," continued Lindsey, "We have fun, exciting workshops arranged within the schools as well as public activities so everyone in the city can be part of festival."

■ For the events schedule visit: www.mksciencefestival.org.uk or call 01908 688 225 for more information. All events are free.

Lakes Estate project goes on-line

A NEW computer suite is to be opened in the Lakes Estate by a community project.

Spotlight on Bletchley, which has been running for ten years, has refurbished its office in Serpentine Court and installed a brand new IT suite.

The new facility has been created using money awarded by the Government's UK Online scheme after a bid by Milton Keynes College and Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Town Council, which took over the management of the Spotlight office from Crosslinks in April.

Lisa Courtney, town clerk at the council, said: "The UK Online Centre provides local residents with drop in and structured IT sessions.

"Residents can call into the Spotlight Office and learn new skills, use various computer packages and get a recognised qualification at the end of their learning."

The Spotlight office has been fitted out with new carpets, plastering, electrics and toilet facilities, including a disabled toilet.

It offers community space for meetings, drop-in advice from groups, including Brook sexual health outreach, and general information about what is happening in the area.

A launch event will be held on Saturday, October 10 from 11am to 2pm, with music and refreshments.

For details of the lessons and more information call 01908 645014 or visit www.bfstc.co.uk

Chinese minister marks Mandarin course

PEOPLE will be able to learn Chinese through the Open Univeristy for the first time.

The Mandarin for beginners course starts at the distance learning institute in November.

To mark the milestone, China's education minister, Tian Xiaogang, paid a visit.

Welcomed by pro-vice-chancellor Alan Tait, he donated books and took a tour of the languages department.

The Kents Hill-based institution, which is 40 years old this year, believes uptake will be high, with the course appealing to businesses, second generation Chinese and those interested in travel.

No previous knowledge of the language - which is spoken by a fifth of the world's population - is required for the course.

It comes after an announcement that the OU has won the first Award for Outstanding Contribution to Language Learning from The National Centre for Languages.

Lecturer in Chinese, Dr Qian Kan, said: "It's a language with a fascinating past, a unique tonal system and a non-alphabetic script. To be able to speak Chinese opens the door to explore Chinese culture and get an insight into the Chinese way of life."

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Over 60 companies, large & small participated in this year's awards and the breadth and diversity of those participating made it tough for the judges in short listing and selecting the final winners.

As Media Partner to the awards, we take a look at this years winners and congratulate all of them …

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Kids get to skate with ice star Kyran

BY LAURA HANNAM
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TALENTED young ice skaters are to audition for a chance to perform alongside celebrity ice stars.

The Skate Factor auditions are to be held at Planet Ice leisure plaza on South Row, Central Milton Keynes on Friday October 9, where ice skaters will compete for the chance to perform in ITV1's Skating on Ice 2007 winner Kyran Bracken's Ice Party show.

The competitors, aged from six to 16, will have to perform a one and a half minute routine which has to be entertaining, unique and proves they have the 'skate factor'.

At least one skater from the Milton Keynes heat will go through to the finals in Blackpool on October 25.

The overall national winner will skate in former English rugby union player Kyran Bracken MBE's show from October 26 to 31 in Jersey, Bournemouth and Blackpool, starring a glittering line-up of celebrity and professional skaters and celebrities including Todd Carty, Donal Macintyre, Clare Buckfield and X Factor finalist Marisa Billitteri.

The winner will also be signed to the UK agency IceAct and be performing in its forthcoming production Chiller in December.

Tabitha Mayer, an ice skating coach from the International School of Skating MK, which has more than 20 members taking part, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for young talented ice skaters across Milton Keynes to participate. We wish them all the best of luck."

Spectators are invited to the Milton Keynes heats to enjoy the show and support the local competitors.

There will be a small charge to watch, which you can pay on the door.

The auditions will start at 6.15pm.

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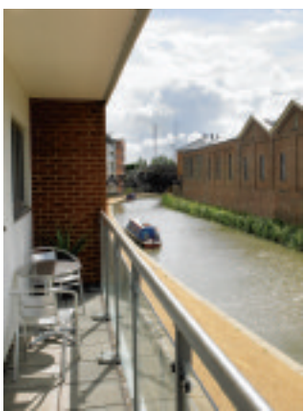

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Charity challenge to trek the Great Wall of China

Walkers will experience Chinese rural life and visit the Forbidden City in Beijing

BY LAURA HANNAM
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A CHARITY that supports people through stress, depression and low confidence is celebrating it's first birthday by launching a new challenge in the Far East.

Climb Your Mountain (CYM), based in Milton Keynes, is challenging people to spend nine days trekking along the Great Wall of China.

The charity provides opportunities for physical exercise, social interaction and educational courses to people that suffer mild to moderate mental health problems.

It has organised over 40 challenges including climbing the Yorkshire Three Peaks, Ben Nevis, Snowdon and Mount Kilimanjaro, helping hundreds of people in the city to climb their own personal mountain.

Charlie Wardle, founder of CYM said: "We have had an amazing response to CYM this year; the personal feedback we have had has been extremely poignant.

"Given that one in four people in the UK suffer from stress and depression at some point in their life our services really can help everybody, those that suffer but also friends, relatives and colleagues who often need to understand the condition as well."

Climb Your Mountain (CYM) provides opportunities for physical exercise, social interaction and educational courses to people that suffer mild to moderate mental health problems."

The charity offers free educational courses through the council's ACE (Adult Continuing Education) service to help people understand and manage their mental health and well-being and also runs free weekly running clubs, walking clubs and fitness classes in Milton Keynes.

The Great Wall of China fund-raising challenge from May 1 to 9 next year will include five days moderate trekking through remote villages experiencing authentic Chinese rural life and a day in Beijing to tour the Imperial Palace (Forbidden City).

The challenge is open to the public but places are limited so it is advised to register interest early.

■ For more information visit www.climbyourmountain.org or contact Charlie at info@climbyourmountain.org or call 01908 231275.

Charlie Wardle at the summit of Kilimanjaro

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Housing roadshows to advise residents

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The idea behind the events is to let residents pop in to talk about issues ranging from talking about repairs to reporting abandoned vehicles or fly-tipping in their neighbourhoods.

The first roadshow is due to be held on Wednesday, November 4 from 11am until 5.30pm at Wolverton Community Centre, 205 Stratford Road, followed by the second event to be held on Tuesday, November 24 from 11am until 6.30pm at The Lakes Estate Community Centre in Fern Grove, Bletchley.

The events are being run by Milton Keynes Council's housing service and advice will be offered on:

■ Repairs
■ How to arrange a council house swap using Homeswapper service
■ Council tenancy issues
■ Environment
■ Benefits
■ Money – including help on managing debts

Also on hand will be representatives from The United Sustainable Energy Agency to give advice and assistance with energy bills, as well as information about how to best switch suppliers to get the best deals on utilities.

Debt advice and information about other free services will also be available from staff from the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Other organisations at the event include the council's contractors for repairs MITIE, Apollo (contractor handling decent homes and major works), Wheldons gas servicing and central heating and UPVC installers Potton.

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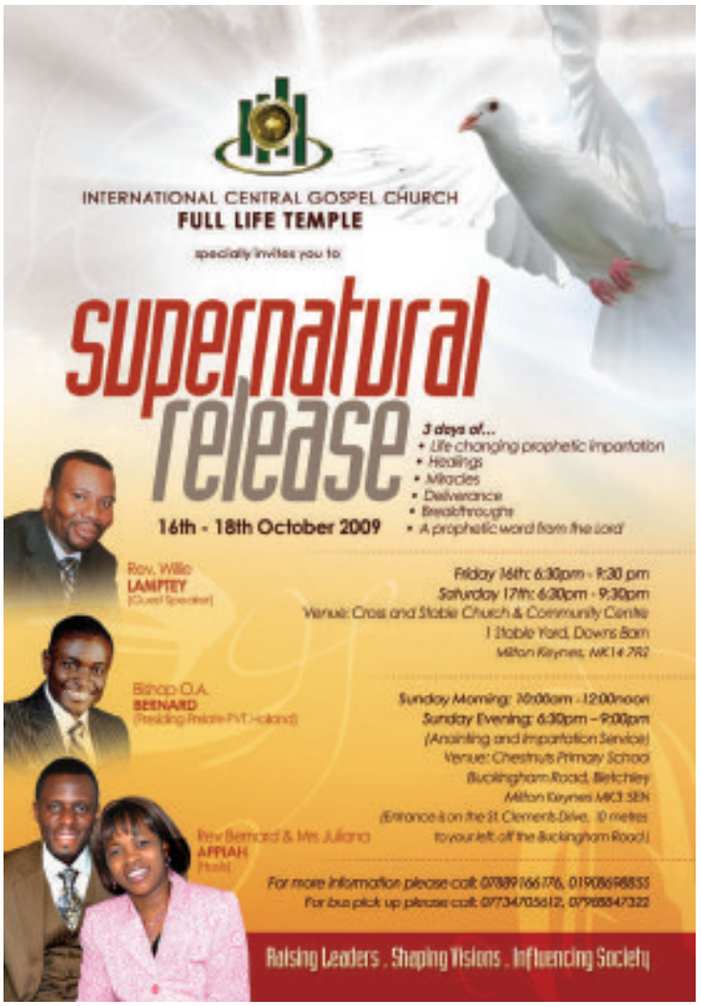
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‘A job well done’ – chairman Pete

A NEW primary school has been given the seal of approvement from one of the citys leading lights.

MK Dons chairman Pete Winkelman, unveiled a plaque to mark the official opening of the newly refurbished and extended Barleyhurst Primary School in Bletchley last Monday.

He was joined by the mayo of Milton Keynes, Cllr Euan Henderson, school council, staff, governors, local councillors and council officers as well as representatives from the building contractors Rok.

Barleyhurst has undergone a £2million remodelling project which has seen the extension of the ICT suite and the foundation class, creation of new external areas with canopies, parking and parent drop-off area together with a new landscaping scheme which even includes a tipi.

The project also included stripping out and replacing all fixtures and fittings, installing a new heating and electrical system, roof replacement, new toilets, floor finishes and plastered and painted walls.

Mr Winkelman said: “This project hasn’t just been about creating a new school but is another example of the UK’s youngest, fastest-growing city providing fantastic facilities and investing in young people.

“It will be a great place to learn for generations to come. It is truly a job well done.”

Barleyhurst Primary School replaces Wellsmead Infant and Junior Schools on Hereford Place and has places for 210 pupils.

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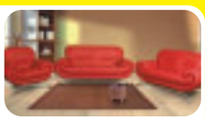
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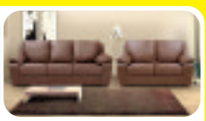
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Experienced dancers aged between 17 and 25-years-old are being sought for 'Dance Ènergie', the newest dance school to arrive in Milton Keynes.

Aimed at ages from 18 months to 17-years-old, classes start from 10am and run throughout the day.

The Dance Ènergie Crew will participate in national competitions and showcase events.

The new school, based in the Theatre District, is set to start a dance revolution in MK by offering the chance to learn freestyle, rock-'n'roll, street dance and the latest craze - zumba.

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Guildhall, City Church, 7.30pm
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SATURDAY

Lego Buliding Event, Waterstones
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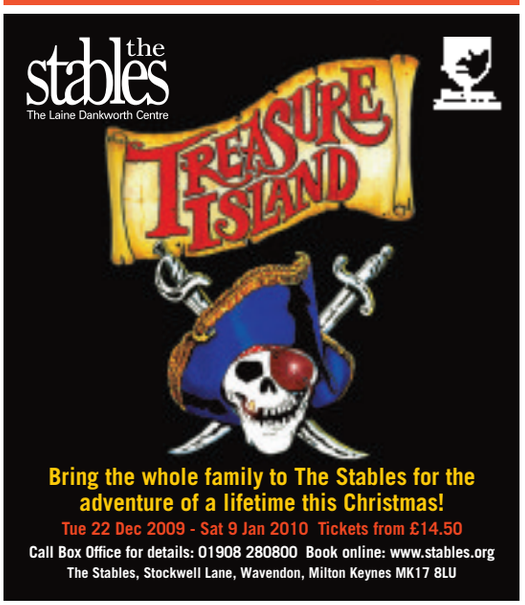
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GROOVE
Theatre District 08445 434854
A BRAND new retro bar and club which plays the best music from the 70s, 80s and 90s. In room one the 70s and 80s collide, the 90s are reserved for room two and a third room is the place for VIPs, cocktails and fizz. Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8.30pm until 3.30am. Admission free. Over 18s, dress code no trainers, hats or hoods.

OCEANA
Xscape 670976
PARTY goers love this popular night-club.
Three different clubs in one with the Rhythm Room, Ice House Reykjavik and New York Disco, while there are also two bars, Russia Bar and Parisian Boudoir.
Over 18's Sunday-Thursday, over 19's on Fridays and over 20's on Saturday. Dress code is smart casual.

OPUS
Theatre District 239433
POPULAR nightclub on two levels. All the latest RnB, hip hop tunes are played on the bottom level, while funky house and electro spins at the top. Entry will cost £3 before 11pm. Dress code is casual cool.

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CLASSIC MUSIC

New string orchestra to play English classics

A NEW string orchestra is set to perform an evening of English music.

Sinfonia Ariella, which held its inaugural concert in April, is appearing at Newport Pagnell Parish Church.

On October 17, the professional ensemble will be joined by local professional baritone, David Kirby-Ashmore.

Describing themselves as the 'chamber orchestra for the three counties', they will perform classics by Elgar, Holst, Purcell and Finzi.

The principal players of Sinfonia Ariella are members of Sinfonia Ariella Ensemble and Ariella Strings and all live locally.

The Sinfonia Ariella is a small and flexible ensemble that performs concerts in local churches and other local venues. The musicians also work within schools in the area linking workshops to each concert to try to bring music to our children and youth.

For further details of this concert please visit the Sinfonia's website www.sinfonia-ariella.co.uk or email Cheryl@sinfonia-ariella.co.uk.

Tickets are £13.50 (£25 for two), concessions £11 and children £5.

SIMON DARNELL

IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD BUT I CAN SEE IT FROM HERE
Lostprophets

IF I was to say to you that the people in charge of the video had a really mad idea and decided to depict the end of the world, something tells me your response would NOT be 'Well, that's the last thing I'd expect them to do'.

No, what you'd expect is for Lostprophets to play their song while the world ends around them, which is what happens.

While most sane people would run for the hills, assume the crash position or grab a towel, Lostprophets take it upon themselves to play us out with lots of noise, guitars and a half-decent tune.

To be honest, if the world's ending there's not really a lot you can do to stop it, especially if it's going to crumble away like it does in the video, so why not go out with a song?

Besides, this song is a win-win scenario for everybody. If you like it, good for you, but if you don't then look on the bright side – they've finally brought out something new so it's possible that Radio 1 will finally stop playing Rooftops.

MAGIC
Ladyhawke

THIS song fully deserves to be a Number One single and anything less would be a disgrace. So there.

The video has a flying carpet and a bloke who's nicked Donald Duck's clothes, but it's not down to the video. It's all about the tune – magine someone like Little Boots and La Roux getting together to make a song, but that week everything that could go wrong did.

On Monday, the recording studio caught fire. On Tuesday, a herd of bison stampeded through the studio. On Wednesday, their cars exploded. On Thursday, they couldn't concentrate because Lostprophets were playing outside, which meant that on Friday, there was no world left to sell the song to.

Given all that, you'd expect them to be pretty fed up and inevitably that would come out in the song, giving the tune an aggressive yet poppy tone to it.

Most pop songs say 'Isn't everything wonderful?'. This one says 'I know I'm a good song and I don't really care if you agree' and because it's not trying to please everyone that's what makes it so great.

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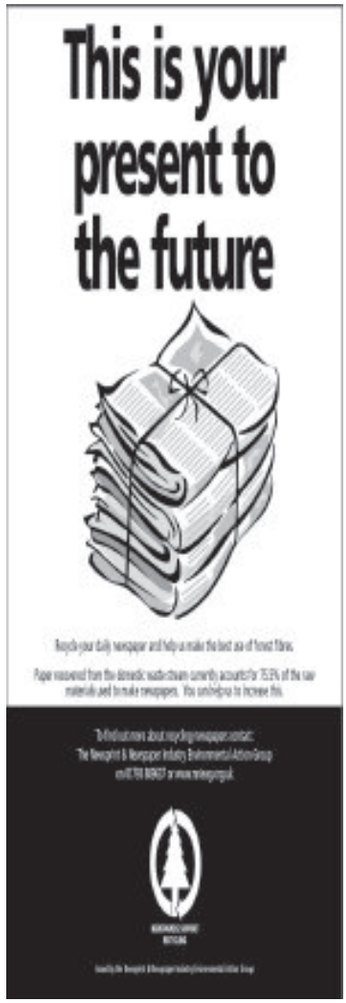

MKANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays

Pete Tye is 40 today!

Happy Birthday

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Pets Lost

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10.30-12.30 £1*

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Wed 28 Oct
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Waterhall Park
6.00-8.00pm £3*

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YOUNG looking 48yr old female, brown hair, attractive, caring, loyal, likes nights in/out, pubs, cinema, meals out, seeks similar aged male. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 368584**

BLACK female, 27, seeks lovely guy to come to U2 concert on 15th August. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 368020**

CONFIDENT tactile leggy brunette seeks male for fun friendship, good conversation and lots of TLC. ACA/Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 368520**

FEMALE young 60's, 5ft 6ins, attractive, blond, blue eyes, medium build, cuddly, warm, loving, N/S, GSOH, seeks loving, caring male, 50's-60's for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 314752**

PETITE mature blonde, wicked sense of humour, seeks younger male for uncomplicated fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 363426**

ATTRACTIVE slim female, 42, 5ft 6ins, honest, caring, lots of love to give, seeks attractive fun guy of similar age for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 366178**

SALLY 34, blonde, blue eyes, 5ft 5ins, GSOH, likes cinema, meals out, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 363804**

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GENUINE female, 56, 5ft 6ins, N/S, likes country walks, holidays, seeks likeminded male, 50-65 for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 371662**

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SARAH/DEBBIE early 50's, seeks 2 males, 45-55 for fun, outings, companionship and maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 371650**

BLACK female, 48, single mum, likes meals out, cinema, walks, theatre, seeks presentable, genuine, sincere, N/S male for TLC. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 369688**

ATTRACTIVE blonde, blue eyed female, young 56, size 12, full on, tactile, educated, seeks male, 40-59 for fun, maybe relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 305289**

SARAH 54, natural brunette, happy go lucky, seeks male, 45-60 for fun, days out, cosy nights in, must be tactile. Bedford. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 371092**

YOUNG looking 46yr old female, slim, attractive, caring, loyal, likes nights in/out, pubs, cinema, meals out, seeks similar aged male. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 354218**

SINGLE female, 46, 5ft 7ins, brown hair, seeks guy of similar age to share life with. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 350338**

single men

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MALE 45, medium build, blue eyes, likes cinema, country pubs, sport, seeks female, 30-45 for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 373086**

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MALE likes nights in/out, cooking, seeks female, 40-50 to enjoy life with. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 372752**

60'S male, widowed, 6ft 2ins, clean shaven, nice personality, loving, caring, seeks female, 55-65 for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 371994**

MALE 42, seeks black female, slim, 40-45 for LTR. Single mum welcome. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 371854**

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TJ 5ft 9ins, 49, happy go lucky, seeks female company with view to friendship and 1-2-1 relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 369822**

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Darren Goldsmith as Scrooge with Jonathan Byrne Ollivier as Young Scrooge in a Christmas Carol

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CARA DILLON

Friday, October 9. 8pm

ONE of the most original singers of traditional music, Cara won the All Ireland Singing Trophy at age 14 and went on to sing with Oige, De Dannan and Equation, where she met husband and musical collaborator Sam Lakeman.

Tickets £16.50

MOSTLY AUTUMN

Saturday, October 10. 8pm

MOSTLY Autumn have built their fan base the old-fashioned highly effective way, by playing live at every opportunity. Their musical palette is diverse and while they draw on influences from the golden age of 70s rock, they have developed their own unique sound and style that both captures some of the essence of that heady era and yet looks forward into the future.

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Sunday, October 11. 8pm

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MIKE MCGOLDRICK & FRIENDS

Monday, October 12. 8pm

MASTER of flutes, whistles and Uillean pipes, Michael McGoldrick has collaborated with Jim Kerr, Youssou N'Dour and John Cale as well as founding Toss The Feathers and Flook, and in 1998 joined Scottish folk legends Capercaillie. Teaming up with special guests, he'll perform material from his July 2009 album Aurora as well as older favourites and classic traditional tunes.

Tickets £14.50

THE ZOMBIES

Tuesday, October 13. 8pm

THE Zombies are a legend among English rock bands. Led by Rod Argent on piano and Colin Blunstone on vocals, the band scored US hits in the mid- and late-60s with She's Not There, Tell Her No and Time of the Season. Their 1968 album Odyssey and Oracle - comprising twelve songs by the group's principal songwriters Argent and Chris White - is now considered one of the best of its time and ranks 80th on Rolling Stone magazine's list of the 500 Greatest Albums.

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HEART OF A COWARD

Plus
Equinox
The Kranx

Friday, October 9

HEART Of A Coward a five piece, alternative metal groove band combining ex members of Me Vs The Atlantic, Envision, Trace The Skyline and Februa.

They offer both heavey, pounding riffs cleverly mixed with powerful melodic choruses to produce a stunning, unique sound.

Equinox formed late 2008 burst onto the MK music scene, grabbing the headline spot at their first gig at MK Backstage.

Since then, they have gone from strength to strength, playing a contrast of music most will fall underneath the progressive alternative category, influenced by bands from Muse to Franz Ferdinand to Keane and Genesis.

Kranx provide an indie punk rock sound with a mixture of original material and the odd cover thrown in.

Tickets £5. Doors 7.30pm.

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Murrays: Tucked away inside Whittlebury Hall

Murrays has found the formula for fine food

MURRAYS

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Review by David Gale

ATTENTION to detail is the key to making this stylish fine dining restaurant work.

Tucked away inside Whittlebury Hall, Murrays has quietly developed itself a reputation for good food in quality surroundings.

I had enjoyed Whittlebury Hall before for one of its spa days but the restaurant remained a secret to me.

You study the menu from the comfort of the lounge area where drinks and canapes are brought to your table. Once ordered you are directed through to the restaurant itself.

First impressions are of a stylish and intimate restaurant without the stuffiness of many fine dining restaurants.

Staff are attentive but not in your face and you are allowed to relax and enjoy the meal.

Murrays already boasts two AA Rosettes for its cuisine and new head chef Andrew Snoddy has developed an excellent new seasonal menu working along with local suppliers.

The work already seems to be paying off as Murrays has just picked up The Foodie Square Guide 2009 for Northamptonshire.

The annual guide introduces customers to quality eateries in and around local areas and is voted for by diners.

The restaurant is named after the legendary Formula 1 race commentator Murray Walker. Many of his unforgettable gaffs are printed and displayed on the walls of the restaurant of which he agreed can bear his name. It's an interesting touch even if motor racing isn't your thing.

My wife and I chose the taster menu which is priced at £65 a head.

A tastefully presented small glass of carrot soup was delivered for our appetizer before we moved on to a starter of warm crisp Wealdway goat's cheese, celery, apple and lemon watercress salad with hazelnut cream dressing.

All of the components of the dish came together really well, the zing of the lemon worked with the creamy cheese and the sharp crunch of the super fresh apples and celery.

The fish course for me was the highlight. Expertly cooked seared scallops beautifully presented on a bed of the most delicious confit pork belly I have tasted. Minted pea puree and crispy shallot rings added the finishing touch.

It was a hard act to follow but the main did its best to top it. A fillet of aged Casterbridge beef in a morel and oyster mushroom casserole with a red wine jus.

The meat was cooked to perfection and the addition of the fresh 'melt away before your eyes' horseradish foam was quirky and effective.

Our marathon meal continued with a dessert of fresh English strawberry parfait with Champagne and basil sorbet.

This was as much a piece of art as it was a delicious sweet treat.

The meal was rounded off with Jacquy Cange cheese and grape chutney followed by coffee and home made petit fours.

Murrays is carving a niche for itself just across the MK border. Close enough for a night out but perfect for a romantic treat and stayover too.

LEON ARTS CENTRE

LEON Arts Centre and the Usher Theatre are celebrating their first anniversary with a special concert.

The event, on Friday, October 9, will feature young folk rock singer/songwriter Luke Jackson, supported by Amy Herriman.

Tickets to the concert, which starts at 7.30pm, are available at £5 from the box office on 01908 624766.

The arts centre and theatre, directed by former West End actor, director and writer John Herriman, have produced 60 entertainment events over the last year including a free Saturday morning film club, professional theatre and music concerts.

The 72-seater venue can now be used by amateur dramatic societies, musicians, poets, sports presentations, dance or drama schools.

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A family affair at new MK academy

A BROTHER and sister team has launched what is believed to be the first school business-in-residence.

Celia and James Bristow have opened a marketing agency, Beanwave, inside the Business Hub in The Milton Keynes Academy.

Uniquely, they will be sharing office premises with up to 1,500 children aged 11 to 18 in the new academy building in Leadenhall.

Celia and James receive free office space in return for two-three hours a week helping students with enterprise-related projects.

Celia said: "We really love working in this fabulous and creative new environment. When clients and contacts hear where we are based they are initially intrigued and then very positive about it.

"We have considerable real-life business experience to share with students.

"We will be working on projects with young people in small groups and we will be mentoring students too."

Academy director of business and enterprise Sean Hickey said: "There is nothing better for young people than seeing a real business operate close-up.

"Celia and James have lots of energy and enthusiasm and I'm sure they will be great role models."

Sugars' sweet on strategies to beat recession

THE man regarded by many as being one of the world's top business gurus is coming to Milton Keynes to give a talk to the region's captains of industry.

Brad Sugars, left, is visting the stadiummk tomorrow (October 8).

During two and a half hours on stage Brad will be explaining the entrepreneurial secrets that took him from delivering newspapers at 13 to being a retired multi-millionaire at 26.

Brad founded ActionCOACH in 1997 and the business has grown to be ranked 82 in the top 500 franchises in the World.

This month he has been selected as finalist for 'Chairman of the Year' at the International Business Awards, 'The Stevies'. His business has also been featured by Entrepreneur Magazine as one of the fastest growing businesses in the world for the past six years running.

Brad Sugars is a best selling author of 14 books, business coach and educational speaker, with experience of coaching and presenting in every corner of the world.

Every day, tens of thousands of business people follow Brad's strategies for success. He will be telling the audience how the current tough economic climate can be the best for growing business and showing 28 successful strategies, which companies can implement to aid their fortunes at the moment.

Additionally, there will be a business-to-business exhibition and networking opportunity before and after the event. Many regional businesses have taken stands, and with up to 800 attendees expected, it is probably the best opportunity for local SMEs to meet and make new contacts this year.

The exhibition starts at 4pm, with Brad Sugars on stage at 6.30pm.

■ For further information www.businessisbooming.org.uk or call Freephone 0800 090 1629.

Door firm warns on ram raids increase

BUSINESSES in Milton Keynes are being warned there could be a higher risk of ram raiders in the next few months.

Industrial door repair company Stanair Industrial Door Services has analysed its records from the last few years, and discovered a ram raiding trend.

It typically gets more call outs to deal with doors damaged in ram raids in October and November every year.

Now the firm is putting staff on standby to deal with an increased number of emergency call outs.

Depot manager Wayne Thompson said: "We're not quite sure why there are more ram raids in the autumn months but suspect it has to do with Christmas being on the way.

"Ram raiders can cause significant damage to industrial doors when they drive vehicles into them to gain access to a building.

"The doors are typically written off and have to be fully replaced. As with any crime it can be disruptive and expensive for a business, even if they are fully insured."

Serviced office provider i2 moves into Luminous House

SERVICED office provider i2 Office has launched with the opening of its first centre at Luminous House.

Located within the £140m Vizion MK development in Milton Keynes, Luminous House provides clients with the latest in IT and telecoms support in a Grade A building.

The Milton Keynes centre has been created via a joint venture with leading property developers Abbeygate Helical.

i2 Philip Grace said: "It's great to back in the serviced office market and at the helm of a new venture. I am especially pleased to have the support of the Abbeygate Helical partnership which will undoubtedly contribute greatly to i2's success here in Milton Keynes."

Luminous House is part of Abbeygate Helical's £140m C4.1 Vizion MK development.

The new 110,000 sq ft Sainsbury's store anchors the commercial side of the development, with over 440 high quality apartments featuring a landscaped rooftop garden integrated above and around the store. The commercial units and offices take up frontage space around the scheme and there is separate parking for occupiers and customers with just over 1,000 spaces, half of which are free up to three hours' stay.

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Ex-show house on corner plot

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This five bedroom stone built executive residence has an impressive specification throughout.

The internal accommodation comprises of lounge, 18ft Dining Hall, 30ft kitchen family room, five double bedrooms with three en-suites and a family bathroom.

There is also a cloakroom, laundry room, front and rear landscaped gardens, driveway and double garage.

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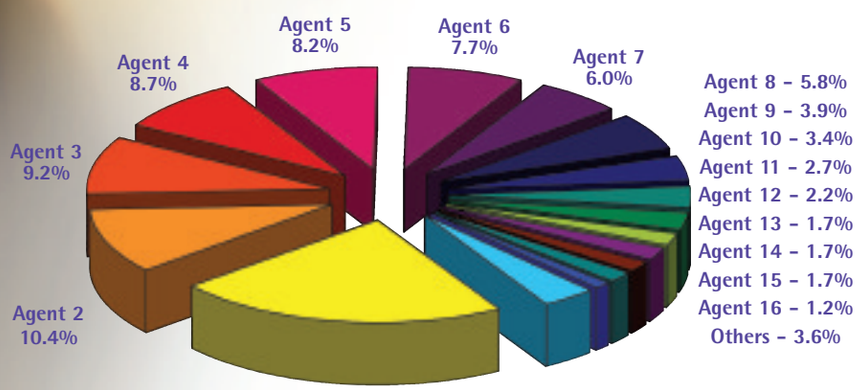

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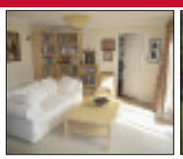
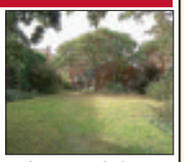
Milton Keynes Village £449,950

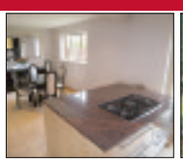




A four bed detached property in the very popular location of Milton Keynes Village.

•Lounge/diner •Kitchen/breakfast room •Study •Family Room •Downstairs WC
•Master bedroom with en suite •Three further bedrooms •Bathroom •Double glazing throughout •Detached double garage
•Private driveway •Front, rear and side garden with patio areas all mature and providing a high level of privacy.

Walnut Tree £435,000



A recently modernised 5 bed detached residence found in a sought after cul-de-sac in Walnut Tree.

•Lounge • Modern Kitchen/Diner with granite worksurfaces and new appliances •Utility and w/c •5 bedrooms •En-suite •Family bathroom• Private driveway •Double garage• Mature gardens•

Oxley Park £449,950

An enviably located detached executive home built by messr's Westbury Homes in Oxley Park. The property overlooks the edge of Milton Keynes and boasts a detached double garage accessed via wooden gated entrance.

•Lounge •dining room •study •vast kitchen/breakfast room •utility and w/c •Upstairs there are 4 double bedrooms •2 en-suites and family bathroom
•In our opinion this is property has a very desirable and spacious layout.

Walton Park £450,000

A beautifully presented five bed detached executive residence situated in close proximity to Caldecotte Lake in Walton Park.

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STUNNING MANOR HOUSE CONVERSION £395,000

This magnificent "Rothschild" listed manor house has been sympathetically converted into a range of luxury apartments and cottages set on the fringe of this popular village, in 3 acres of its own gated, formal grounds with far reaching countryside views. Enjoying the host of original features inside and out, yet the benefits of the latest kitchens and bathrooms. Well connected with Milton Keynes 16 miles, Aylesbury 4 miles, Leighton Buzzard 7 miles and Tring 7 miles (all with train stations). Quality setting with peace and quiet on the doorstep of commuting to most destinations.

TERRIFIC FAMILY SIZED HOME £369,995

This striking 4 bedroom family home with separate drive and double garage offers a traditional 2 storey layout. Yet has the latest (popular) open plan kitchen/family with a further 3 reception rooms. Upstairs two of the bedrooms have en-suites and the master had a dressing rooms aswell. Located on the East of Milton Keynes, with easy access to M1, park and ride, kingston centre and schooling. The location is catchment for Oakgrove School. Part exchange is available.

5 DOUBLE BEDROOMS £444,995

Set over 3 floors, the abundance of accommodation could have a variety of uses. Downstairs has 3 reception rooms and a kitchen/family room. Outside there is a double garage and a separate driveway. Located on the East of Milton Keynes, with easy access to M1, park and ride, kingston centre and schooling. The location is catchment for Oakgrove School. Part exchange is available.

THREE BEDROOMS AND A STUDY £235,000

Set over two floors with generous bedrooms and en-suite from the master. Outside a double length drive passes under bedroom two to the garage. Situated on the east of Milton Keynes, offering excellent access to the M1.

EXCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT £499,995

Set behind electric gates, a collection of just 11 private homes in the popular area of Linslade. Just a short walk will bring you to the London rail station and all town centre amenities. This high specification 5 bedroom detached has versitility to run a business from home or an annex for a member of the family. The home boasts 5 bedrooms, 2 en-suites, 3 reception rooms and a generous plot. The accommodation above the open plan triple garage includes a 26ft room with a WC. Outside the private road is gated and block paved. Giving a secure, private setting in this popular residential area. Key in office, viewing highly recommended.

4 BEDROOM FAMILY HOME £272,000

The Hadden is a four bedroom home. This ground floor consists of a spacious dual aspect lounge, a fitted kitchen with breakfast area and doors opening up to the garden at the rear and a separate family room. The four bedrooms, including a spacious master bedroom with en-suite are located on the first floor; in addition to a stylish family bathroom. Set in the popular East edge of Milton Keynes with excellent access to the M1. (Internal photos from similar showhome.)

GREAT FOR THE COMMUTER £155,000

Set on the fringe of the new city with the river ouzel meandering past. A striking development of apartments with the convenience of the A5 trunk road a short drive. Also a range of amenities are available within walking distance. The apartments are now finished and ready to occupy, which offers you some incredible opportunities for incentives. This 2 bedroom apartment boasts double bedrooms and a spacious living room. Certain plots have 2 Juliet balconies and lifts to under croft secure parking. And the price isn't the only way to save money, your water is heated by solar power!

SPACIOUS FAMILY HOME £279,995

Situated in a very popular part of Milton Keynes with sought after schooling, an abundance of parkland and quick access to the M1. This spacious 3/4 double bedroom detached house boasts 3 bath/shower rooms and a dressing room. From the landing there is a spacious balcony.

DECEPTIVE 5 BED £305,000

Boasting a popular open plan layout with separate lounge a rarely available 2 storey new home. This plot also has a garage set back, giving a under croft carport as well. Situated in east Milton Keynes with great access to the M1 and also good school catchment areas.

AMAZING VALUE! £244,995

A very versatile home, as living accommodation is spread over 3 floors. This means the home offers 2 or 3 receptions. Situated in this popular West Milton Keynes area with sought after school catchments. Main photo of house type on left.

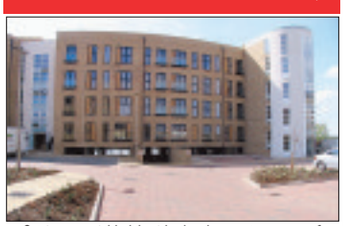
RARELY AVAILABLE VILLAGE HOMES £225,000

Situated in this highly desirable village just outside Olney. Just two brand new 3 bedroom semi detached homes with generous gardens and two parking spaces. Inside the popular kitchen/diner layout is to the rear with patio doors, as has the lounge. Upstairs the 3 wardrobed bedrooms have open country views. The master also has an en-suite. The village boasts amenities such as school, church, park and pub/restaurant. Ideally located between Emberton and Turvey with two main trunk roads.

IMPOSING DETACHED £330,000

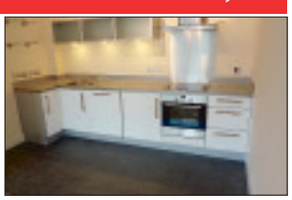
This very versatile home has a fantastic single storey extension to give an open plan kitchen/breakfast onto the garden. There is then 3 further receptions. Of the 5 bedrooms, 2 have en-suites and boast feature box windows. The outside has a garage with double parking spaces. Situated on the east of Milton Keynes, with excellent M1 access.
WHY NOT ASK US ABOUT PART EXCHANGE

LIFT TO YOUR UNDERGROUND CARPARK £199,000



Set in an enviable lakeside development, a range of luxury 2 bedroom apartments with 2 julliet balconies. Hotel style internal corridors with contemporary lifts and stairwell set the scene for entering your modern, light home with an excellent specification. Situated on the edge of Milton Keynes. Ready now, key in office.

CITY CENTRE APARTMENT £150,000



Set in the highly desirable development 'Vizion' in the heart of Central Milton Keynes. A high specification spacious 4th floor 1 bedroom apartment with balcony onto Avebury Boulevard and the sky scrape of the city. With single entrance to the development with security guard and your own permanent under ground secure car park space, this is a truly private building. The development is centred by a large garden with water fountains and paths, only accessed from the apartments. There are lifts to all floors and video entry for extra security. Located a short walk from the station, night life, shops and the commerce area of the city centre. A great future investment.

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Bradwell Common £230,000

* Four Bedroom
* Link Detached Home
* Double Glazing
* Gas Radiator Heating
* Separate Receptions
* Garage and Gardens
* Viewing Is Highly Recommended

Great Linford OIEO £189,995

* Three bedroom end of terraced bungalow
* Courtyard garden
* Allocated off road parking
* Entrance hall
* Kitchen
* Dining room
* Lounge
* Study

Oldbrook £60,000

* Two Bedroom Spilt Level Property
* Double Glazing
* Lounge
* Kitchen
* Bathroom
* Allocated Parking
* Courtyard Garden
* Shared Ownership

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Westcroft OIEO £65,000

* Two Bedroom Apartment
* Central Heating
* Double Glazing
* Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
* Diner
* Bathroom
* Off Road Parking

Peartree Bridge £155,000

* Two Double Bedroom
* Cloakroom
* Lounge/Diner
* Kitchen
* En Suite to Master Bedroom
* Bathroom
* Off Road Parking
* Front & Rear Balconies
* Overlooking canal

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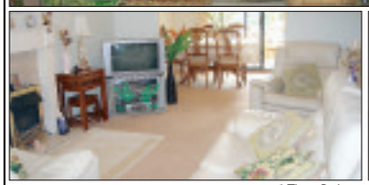
Kents Hill £235,000



* Three Bedrooms
* Lounge/Diner
* Large Conservatory
* Gardens
* Detached
* Kitchen
* Ensuite to Master
* Garage

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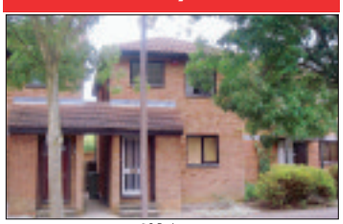
Kents Hill £219,995

* Three Bedroom Property
* Link-Detached
* Cul-de-Sac Location
* Downstairs Cloakroom
* Kitchen/Breakfast Room
* Master Bedroom with En-Suite
* Gardens
* Garage

Emerson Valley £154,995



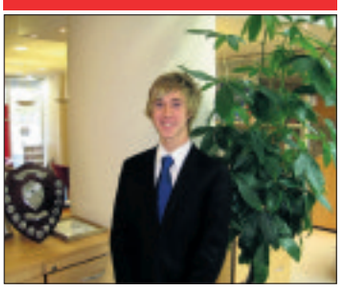
* 2 Bedrooms
* Semi-Detached
* Kitchen
* Lounge
* Bathroom
* Front & Rear Gardens
* Allocated Parking
* Must be Viewed!

Shenley Brook End OIEO £255,000

* Four Bedroom Property
* Detached
* Downstairs Cloakroom
* Lounge & Dining Room
* Kitchen & Utility
* Master Bedroom with En-Suite
* Front & Rear Gardens
* Garage

Newton Longville £182,950

* Three Bedroom
* Semi Detached House
* Gas Radiator Heating
* Double Glazing
* Cloakroom
* Gardens
* Off Road Parking



Cory urgently requires property in Oldbrook for waiting buyers. Call 01908 678151 now if you can help.

WANTED! Mrs S urgently requires a 3 bed in Emerson Valley. Call 01908 678151

Caldecotte £154,995

* Two Bedroom Property
* Semi-Detached
* Cul-De-Sac Location
* Lounge
* Kitchen/Diner
* Bathroom
* Gardens
* Off Road Parking

Public Notice

We advise that an offer has been made for the above property in the sum of £125,000 any persons wishing to increase on this offer should notify the agents of their best offer prior to exchange of contracts.

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Westcroft £114,995

• Two bedroom apartment
• Kitchen
• Lounge
• Two bedrooms
• Balcony
• Off road parking
• No upper chain

Shenley Church End OIEO £165,000

• Semi detached home
• Three bedrooms
• Separate reception rooms
• Gardens
• Off road parking

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We are acting for the mortgagee in possession and have received an offer of £57,500 on the above property. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place.

West Bletchley £159,995

• Three bedroom semi detached
• Kitchen/diner
• Lounge
• Cul de sac location
• Gardens to front and rear
• Off road parking
• Single garage

Westcroft £239,995

• Four Bedrooms
• Cloakroom
• Lounge
• Dining Room
• Kitchen
• En-suite
• Family Bathroom
• Front and Rear Garden

Crownhill £209,995

• Three bedroom detached
• Re-fitted kitchen/diner
• Conservatory
• En suite to master bedroom
• Gardens to front and rear
• Single garage and off road parking

Windmill Hill £310,000

• Detached family home
• Four bedrooms
• Separate reception rooms
• Gardens to front and rear
• Double garage and off road parking

Central Bletchley £119,995

• Two bedroom terraced home
• Re-fitted kitchen
• Lounge/diner
• Upstairs bathroom
• Front and rear gardens

We urgently require Three bedroom properties in the Shenlies! If you are looking to sell please call TEL 01908 524456

Kingsmead £229,995

• 4/5 Townhouse
• Lounge/Diner
• Kitchen
• En suite to Master Bedroom
• Gardens
• Garage
• Overlooking Parkland

Racecourses £144,995

• End of terrace property
• Two bedrooms
• Re-fitted kitchen
• Re-fitted bathroom
• Gardens to front and rear
• Off road parking

Lakes Estate £119,995

• End of terrace home
• Three bedrooms
• Re-fitted kitchen
• Re-fitted bathroom
• Gardens to front and rear
• No upper chain

Kingsmead

• Four Bedrooms
• Lounge
• Kitchen/Breakfast Room
• Dining Room/Family Room
• En-suite to Master Bedroom

Kingsmead £204,950

• Four Bedroom Townhouse
• Semi-Detached
• Cloakroom & Lounge
• Kitchen/Diner
• Family Bathroom
• Shower Room
• Rear Garden
• Garage

Trees OIEO £200,000

• Three/four bedroom home
• Semi rural location
• Re-fitted kitchen/breakfast room
• Downstairs shower room
• Gardens to front and rear

West Bletchley £134,995

• End of terrace home
• Three bedrooms
• Open plan lounge and dining room
• Kitchen
• Bathroom and separate w.c.
• Gardens to front and rear

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Bancroft Guide Price £139,995

- One Bedroom
- End of terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Chain Free

Fullers Slade £100,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Bathroom
- Lounge
- WC
- Front and Rear Garden
- Carport

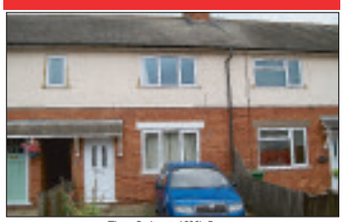
Whaddon £195,000

- Victorian style property
- Extended
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Breakfast Room
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Two Bedrooms
- Garden
- Countryside Views

Bancroft Park Guide Price £242,500

- Four Bedroom Townhouse
- Mid-Terraced
- Well Presented
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Double Glazing
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Converted Garage

Bradville Guide Price £159,995



- Three Bedroom 1930's Property
- Mid-Terraced
- Double Glazing
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Front & Rear Gardens
- No Upper Chain

Stony Stratford Guide Price £200,000

- Three bedroom terraced property
- Victorian Property
- Shower room and bathroom
- Rear garden
- Must be viewed

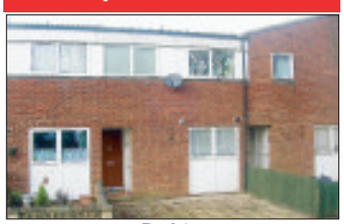
Deanshanger £220,000

- Extended Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- En suite to Bedroom One
- Utility and Cloakroom
- Driveway

Wolverton £174,995

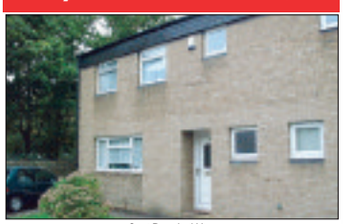
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden

Greenleys OIEO £115,000



- Three Bedroom
- Terraced Property
- No Upper Chain
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Double Glazing
- Gardens

Stony Stratford £155,000



- Semi Detached Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Separate Reception Room
- Rear Garden
- Garage

Galley Hill £117,000

- One Bedroom
- Ground Floor
- Apartment
- Double Glazing
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Garden

Bradville O.I.E.O. £199,995

- Well Presented • Three/Four Bedroom
- Detached Chalet Style Bungalow
- Conservatory
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Double Glazing
- Gardens and Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Is Highly Recommended

Greenleys £85,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- No Upper Chain

Cosgrove £365,000

- Individual detached bungalow
- Three bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Two reception rooms
- Generous gardens
- Opportunity for potential

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Lavendon £255,000

* Extended four bedroom property
* Detached
* Non estate position
* Country side views
* Front and rear gardens
* Garage

Olney £134,995

* Two bedrooms
* Character property
* Located within walking distance from the Town centre
* Rear garden
* Brick built out building

Newport Pagnell £200,000

* 3 Bedrooms Detached
* Lounge
* Dining Room
* Kitchen
* Utility Room
* Bathroom
* Front and rear garden
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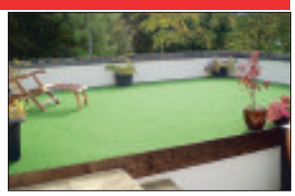
Newport Pagnell £424,995

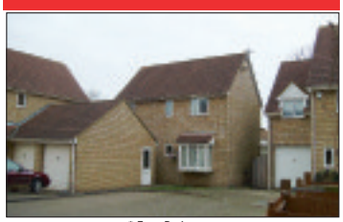
* Lounge
* Kitchen Breakfast Room
* Utility Room
* Dining Room
* Family Room
* Re fitted Shower Room
* Cloakroom
* Front and Rear Garden

Bozeat £274,995



* Former telephone exchange
* Immaculately presented
* Undergone renovation and many improvements by the current vendors.
* Three bedrooms
* Rear and side gardens
* Garage

Cranfield £205,000



* Four Bedrooms
* Detached *Downstairs Cloakroom
* Conservatory
* Garage with Off Road Parking
* Rear Garden
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Astwood £450,000

* Five Bedrooms
* Lounge
* Dining Room
* Bathroom
* Two En-suites
* Study
* Double Garage
* Tel 01908 611966

Olney £269,995

* Four Bedrooms
* Cul-de-sac Position
* Re-fitted kitchen
* Front and rear gardens
* Garage

Olney £214,995

* Extremely Well Presented
* Three Bedroom Property
* Refitted Kitchen
* Conservatory
* Rear Garden
* Garage38'x18' With Inspection Pit

Great Linford Guide Price £174,995

* Mid-terraced property
* Three bedrooms
* Conservatory
* Rear garden
* Garage
* A Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the location and condition of this property.

Newport PagnellOIEO £300,000

* Four bedrooms
* Three reception rooms
* Detached
* Detached double garage
* Off road parking
* Front and rear gardens

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Woburn Sands £695pcm

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Bletchley £450pcm

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Deanshanger £700pcm

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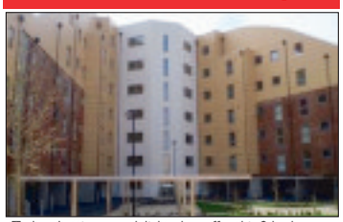
BROUGHTON £750pcm



Taylors Lettings are delighted to offer this 2 bedroom, fifth floor apartment, situated in the Landmark development in Broughton. The property is unfurnished and available immediately.

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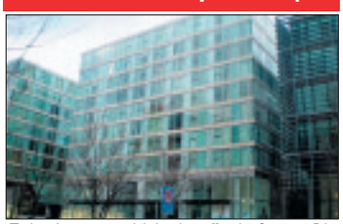
WE NEED 2/3 BEDROOM PROPERTIES TO LET IN STONY STRATFORD AND THE VILLAGES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Wolverton Mill £675pcm

Taylors are delighted to offer this two bedroom apartment with off road parking. The accommodation benefits from lounge/diner, separate kitchen, two bedrooms and family bathroom. Available now!

Central Milton Keynes£775pcm



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Blue Bridge £650pcm

Taylor Lettings are delighted to offer this two bedroom semi detached property with off road parking, garage and gardens. The accommodation benefits from lounge/diner, kitchen, off road parking two bedrooms and is available now.

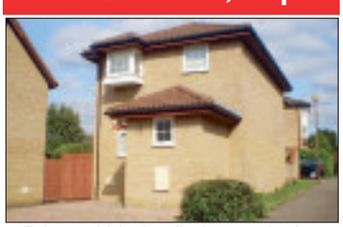
Wollaston £625pcm

Taylors Lettings are Delighted to offer for Rent this Beautiful example of a 17th Century Grade II Listed Detached Cottage, Situated in the picturesque Village of Wollaston, Northants. The property comprises of 2 double bedrooms, kitchen, lounge dining room, rear garden and parking. There is an outbuilding also within the plot which could be available under negotiation. Please call the lettings team to arrange a viewing appointment on 01908 393924.

Bletchley £695pcm

Taylors are delighted to offer this well presented two bedroom apartment situated in the desirable location of Buckingham Road in Bletchley. The accommodation benefits from open plan lounge, kitchen, diner, double bedrooms, bathroom and off road parking.

Crownhill £1,100pcm



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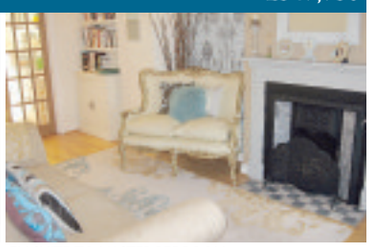

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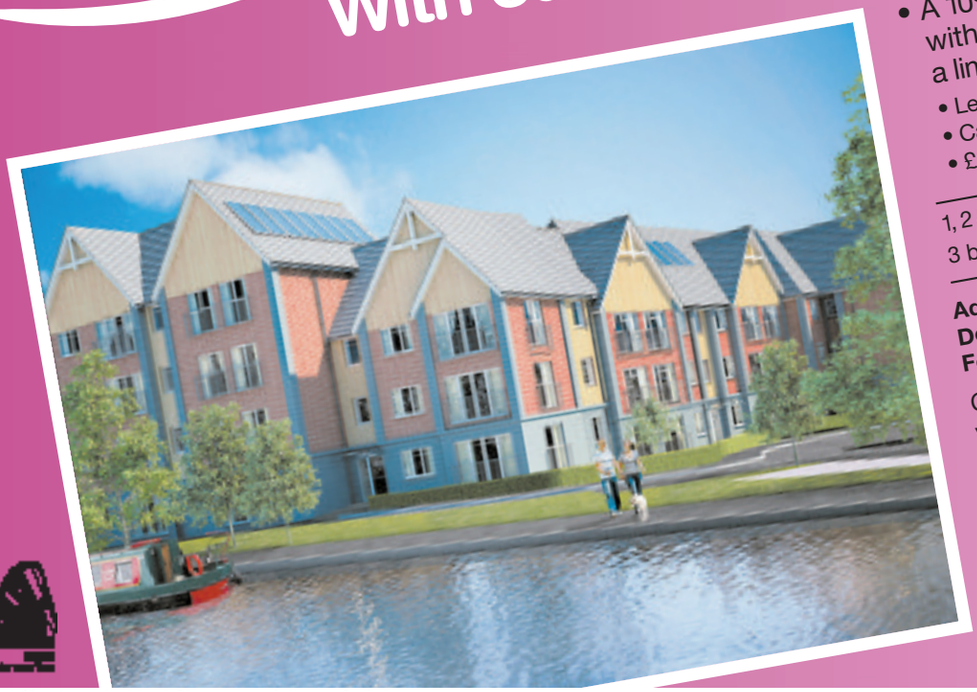

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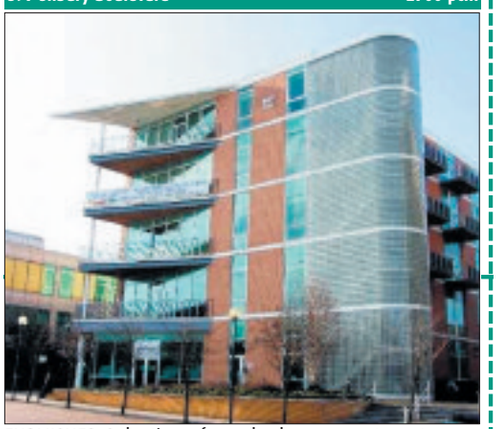

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Closing date: Monday 12th October 2009

Headteacher: Mr. A.R. Withell, B.A. (Hons), M. Phil
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You will have experience of working in relevant role within Children's Social Care and a working knowledge of ICS.

This post is subject to safer recruitment practices.

For informal enquiries, please contact Alastair Gibbons on 01908 253121.

Closing date: 23 October 2009. Interview date: 6 November 2009.

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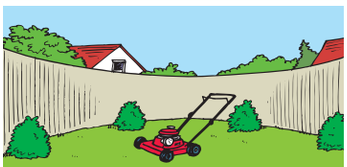
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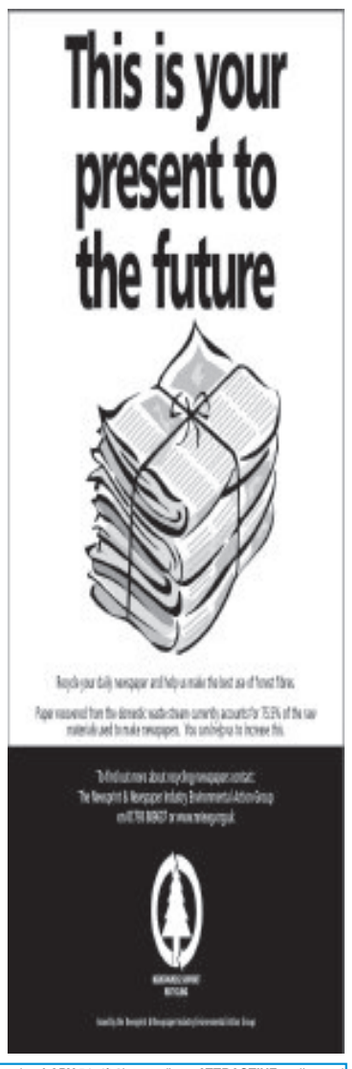
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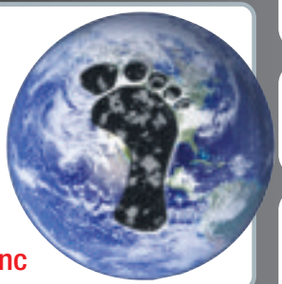

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DONS' SCORE FIRST

August

08 Hartlepool	(H)	0-0
11 Swindon (Carling Cup)	(H)	1-4
15 Swindon	(A)	0-0
18 Tranmere	(A)	1-0
22 Colchester	(H)	2-1
29 Exeter	(A)	2-1

September

02 Dagenham & Redbridge (JPT)	(H)	3-1
05 Huddersfield	(H)	2-3
14 Norwich	(H)	2-1
19 Wycombe	(A)	1-0
26 Leeds	(H)	0-1
29 Oldham	(A)	1-2

October

03 Brighton	(A)	1-0
06 Southend (JPT)	(H)	2-0
10 Walsall	(H)	
17 Gillingham	(H)	
24 Southampton	(A)	
31 Bristol Rovers	(H)	

November

14 Charlton	(A)
21 Southend	(A)
24 Carlisle	(H)

December

01 Millwall	(A)
05 Yeovil	(H)
12 Leyton Orient	(A)
19 Brentford	(H)
26 Stockport	(H)
28 Huddersfield	(A)

January

02 Colchester	(A)
09 Swindon	(H)
16 Hartlepool	(A)
23 Tranmere	(H)
30 Exeter	(H)

February

06 Stockport	(A)
13 Carlisle	(A)
20 Southend	(H)
23 Millwall	(H)
27 Yeovil	(A)

March

06 Leyton Orient	(H)
13 Brentford	(A)
20 Southampton	(H)
27 Gillingham	(A)

April

03 Charlton	(H)
05 Bristol Rovers	(A)
10 Norwich	(A)
13 Oldham	(H)
17 Wycombe	(H)
24 Leeds	(A)

May

01 Brighton	(H)
08 Walsall	(A)

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Jermaine Easter nips in for the winner

Man with the 'knack' key to Dons success

Brighton 0 MK Dons 1

BY SIMONE CORGAN
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STRIKER Jermaine Easter's 'knack' for goals is the key for Dons success this season.

MK Dons assistant manager Karl Robinson praised the forward, who was returning from injury, after he grabbed his eighth goal of the season in the 1-0 win at Brighton.

Easter had missed four games with a thigh strain but his second half header proved vital despite having one of his quieter games.

Robinson said: "He was still a threat in the first half and is a top player at this level. He has an unbelievable knack of scoring goals.

"Getting the three points was the most important thing. It's a strange place to play and the wind was swirling at times, but we got the job done."

Brighton had Adam El-Abd sent off in the 26th minute for a late challenge on Richie Partridge and put in a gritty performance that would have been worthy of a draw.

MK Dons had Willy Gueret to thank for all three points heading back to stadiummk after denying Arron Davis and Liam Dickinson with terrific saves.

It was four minutes into the second half when Brighton defence finallycaved in and the Dons had the lead.

The Seagulls failed to deal with Jemal Johnson's corner as McCracken nodded the ball forward for the pouching Easter to nod over the line.

Brighton could have drawn level minutes later when uncharacteristically Leven was robbed of the ball by Crofts in midfield. His cross was quickly whipped away by the Dons, but it allowed Arron Davies to line up a strike from 20-yards out which Gueret palmed over.

Despite being a man down Brighton remained organised in midfield and were still difficult to break down.

The Dons were bemused when the referee waved away their penalty appeals as Easter appeared to be pulled to the floor by Elphick as he raced on to Dean Morgan's through ball.

A second goal was needed for the Dons to make the score line more comfortable. Johnson came close with a fast paced inswinger corner which was only just tipped over the bar by Copiers.

The Seagulls continued to be a lively threat in front of goal, and the home fans were left wondering how their side hadn't equalised when Dickinson's powerful header on Nicky Forster's cross fell wide of the mark.

Robinson added: "We switched off a couple of times and our keeper, Willy Gueret, made two important early saves.

"The referee made his decision with the sending off and we heard a bit of a crack. Richie (Partridge) got a swollen knee and had to come off in the second half."

BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION: Copiers, Elphick, Wright, El-Abd, Forster (c), Dickinson, Tunnicliffe, Dicker (Murray 81), Davies (Thornhill 64), Crofts, Bennett. Booked: Dickinson. Sent off: El-Abd 26
MK DONS: Gueret, Lewington (c), Doumbe, McCracken, Gleeson, Easter (Davis 81), Wilbraham, Johnson (Howell 90), Partridge (Morgan 64), Leven, Powell. Booked: Partridge, Doumbe, Gleeson. Goal: Easter 49
Referee: Paul Taylor (Hertfordshire)
Attendance: 6,419 (372 away)

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		HOME					AWAY							
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Leeds United	11	4	2	0	12	3	4	1	0	6	2	13	27
2	Charlton	11	4	1	0	10	4	3	2	1	10	6	10	24
3	Bristol Rovers	11	3	1	1	6	3	4	0	2	12	11	4	22
4	Colchester	11	5	0	1	11	4	1	3	1	10	5	12	21
5	MK Dons	11	2	1	2	6	6	4	1	1	6	3	3	20
6	Swindon	11	2	3	0	5	3	2	3	1	8	11	-1	18
7	Norwich	11	3	2	1	17	12	1	2	2	6	6	5	16
8	Oldham	11	2	3	1	6	6	2	1	2	4	5	-1	16
9	Huddersfield	11	3	2	0	12	3	1	1	4	7	11	5	15
10	Millwall	11	3	3	0	11	2	0	2	3	1	6	4	14
11	Southend	11	1	3	1	5	3	2	2	2	10	9	3	14
12	Walsall	11	1	4	1	8	8	2	1	2	4	7	-3	14
13	Exeter	11	2	3	1	9	7	1	1	3	4	8	-2	13
14	Brentford	11	2	2	2	8	9	1	2	2	4	6	-3	13
15	Hartlepool	11	1	1	3	5	7	2	2	2	7	7	-2	12
16	Leyton Orient	11	1	2	2	6	7	2	1	3	7	13	-7	12
17	Gillingham	10	3	1	1	11	2	0	1	4	5	14	0	11
18	Yeovil	11	2	2	1	9	6	0	3	3	3	7	-1	11
19	Carlisle	11	1	1	3	5	7	1	4	1	7	8	-3	11
20	Stockport	11	1	2	3	6	10	1	3	1	6	6	-4	11
21	Brighton	10	1	0	4	5	9	1	3	1	5	9	-8	9
22	Tranmere	11	1	1	3	7	11	1	0	5	2	15	-17	7
23	Wycombe	11	1	1	4	3	6	0	2	3	6	11	-8	6
24	Southampton	11	2	3	1	10	6	0	3	2	4	7	1	2

COMING UP

WALSALL
League One
Saturday, October 10
stadiummk. Kick off 3pm

The Saddlers will be hoping to bounce back from their home draw at the weekend with Carlisle.

Walsall had been leading that match with only seconds remaining when they conceded and as a result dropped a place in the League One table to 12th.

The visitors will be looking for only their fourth league win of the season although two of them came away from home, an opening day 1-0 win at Brighton and a 3-2 victory against John Barnes' struggling Tranmere 3-2. Their problem has been scoring with only 4 goals on their travels. A lack of potency upfront has seen the Midlands side draw five of their 11 fixtures.

VIEW FROM THE MOOCAMP

Doran signs

Dons have completed the signing of Blackburn Rovers midfielder Aaron Doran on a month's loan.

Eighteen-year-old Aaron joins the Dons until Monday, November 2 and will be eligible for all Football League fixtures.

The Republic of Ireland Under-19 international worked with Dons manager Paul Ince during his spell as Rovers boss and has made three first team appearances for the Premier League club.

After graduating from the Rovers Academy, Doran signed his first professional contract in May 2008 and made his first team debut against Liverpool in April this year.

He went on to make substitute appearances at Manchester City and Chelsea last season and was rewarded with a renewed contract until 2012 at the end of the campaign.

FA charges

THE Dons have received notice from the Football Association of separate charges to be brought against manager Paul Ince and captain Dean Lewington.

Ince has been charged with improper conduct relating to an incident during the Coca-Cola League 1 fixture with Oldham Athletic on Tuesday, September 29. Paul has until Friday, October 9 to respond to the charge.

Lewington has been charged with using abusive and/or insulting words towards a match official, relating to an incident following the Coca-Cola League 1 fixture with Leeds United on Saturday, September 26. Dean has until Wednesday, October 14 to respond.

Ladies win

MK Dons Ladies came back from a goal down to win 3-1 against Ipswich Town to book their place in the League Cup semi-finals.

A slow start from the Dons saw Ipswich take the lead after 37 minutes, but they turned the game around with a fine second-half performance with goals from Charly Wright, Aileen Whelan and Heather McDonnell.

Izzard backs bid

ONE of the country's top comedians has backed the bid for Milton Keynes to be a host city for the 2018 World Cup.

Eddie Izzard believes Milton Keynes would be a great location for staging games in the 2018 tournament.

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Lions rocked by loss of high scorer

BASKETBALL

MK Lions 78
Glasgow Rocks 96

MK Lions without point guard EJ Harrison could not recover from the loss of high scorer Yorick Williams against a free scoring Glasgow Rocks.

The Lions had flown out of the blocks as big Frank Holmes opened the scoring followed by 6 Robert Youngblood points. The Rocks responded through Sterling Davis.

With Rocks Copeland unable to cope with the size of the Lions front line, he quickly racked up 3 fouls and sat down, Steve Parillon grabbed his chance hitting back to back three pointers. It was a three pointer from youngster Craig Pringle that ended the quarter with the Lions 24-21 to the good.

Pringle opened the scoring in the second before Williams already 8 from 8 in his previous game added another 3 from 3 behind the arc. Mike New spun in for 2 points and Dru Spinks carried on his role as deputising point guard hitting 4 points in the quarter. A late bounce on the buzzer saw Davis's floater land for the visitors as the Lions took a 48-41 lead to the locker room.

Jessie Sapp hit five quick points for the Rocks having been shackled to 2 points in the first half by Spinks.

Holmes responded with a slam for the Lions and as Williams nailed his 17th point he landed on Rob Yanders' ankle and left the game in serious pain and was unable to return. The Rocks took full advantage as they rattled into a 19-9 run that would see them lead 63-69 at the end of three.

The Lions struggled to respond in the fourth, Parillon carried on his three point shooting and Sapp would add 14 points to his first half rally. Despite Youngblood's 7 fourth quarter points the home side fell 78-96 and would surely be back on a trans Atlantic phone looking for their point guard.
Lions Scorers;
Williams 17, Young blood 14, Holmes 14, Morris 8, New 7, Spinks 6, Pringle 5, Dupuy 3, Griksas 2, Fontaine 2, Simon

■ **The Lions next match is home to Worthing Thunder on Sunday. Tip off at 4pm**

Sebastian Vettel heads the field at the start of the Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka

Vettel's dream alive

MOTOR RACING

SEBASTIAN Vettel kept alive his outside chance of winning the Formula One world championship after the Red Bull driver led from pole to win the Japanese Grand Prix.

The German crossed the line 4.8 seconds ahead of Jarno Trulli's Toyota with Lewis Hamilton grabbing third for McLaren.

Vettel's third win of the season now leaves him 16 points behind leader Jenson Button after the Englishman finished eighth, while Rubens Barrichello is 14 adrift of his Brawn GP team-mate having crossed the line seventh.

Hamilton had on Saturday underlined the importance of beating Vettel into the first corner if he was to have any chance of winning, but Vettel resisted. Trulli slotted in third, Nick Heidfeld fourth, Kimi Raikkonen fifth, Rubens Barrichello sixth and Button, meanwhile, was slow away.

Vettel established a 4.1-second lead over Hamilton during the first 10 laps and, more importantly, he was almost 28 seconds ahead of the Brawn.

But yet again the gods seemed to smile on the 29-year-old as Adrian Sutil and Kovalainen came together and Button happily sped off up the road having gained two places to move into the points. It was not such a happy day for fellow Red Bull driver Mark Webber who finished in 17th place after starting from the pit lane. His race was plagued by technical problems.

Speaking afterwards Vettel said: "I was screaming with happiness at the end of the race. The last couple of races have been a bit up and down, sometimes we had pace and sometimes not, but finally we made it. It's good to be back in first position. A huge thanks to all the team at Red Bull for this."

Team Prinicipal Christian Horner said: "It was a brilliant job by Sebastian the car worked fantastically well. For Mark, this was the weekend from hell."

Lightning can't stop winning

ICE HOCKEY

MK Lightning's great start to the season continued at the weekend with wins over Bracknell and rivals Peterborough.

On Saturday MK Lightning beat Bracknell 4-2.

At the end of the first period Lightning were two up with goals from Adam Brittle and Andre Smulter

The Bees hit back after the break with two goals to make it all square before Matt Towalski netted the important third.

It made for a tense final period but Smulter eased the nerves with his second goal of the evening.

Lightning then made the trip to local rivals Peterborough Phantoms on Sunday and pulled off a fantastic 4-1 win.

Monir Kalgoum opened the scoring for Lightning before the Phantoms pulled it level at the end of the first.

Lightning started to dominate and man of the match Ross Bowers snatched a sensational hat-trick to make it six out of six for the season.

Lightning are at home to Slough Jets on Saturday night. Face off 7pm.

Hat-trick hero: Ross Bowers

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Local football

THE South Midlands League Division One clash between New Bradwell St Peter and Stony Startford ended up all square at 2-2.

With Stony conceding 13 goals in their previous two games, New Bradwell were hopeful they could capitalise on a shaky defence.

But the strong winds put paid to the chance of it being a great game.

Adam Castagnetti netted twice for Bradwell

Newport Pagnell cruised to a 5-1 victory over Erith Town in the first round of the FA Vase.

Matt Broomes gave Newport a 12th minute lead which Darren Lynch doubled twelve minutes later. He then scored his second on the half hour mark.Rob Macdonald scored a fourth for the Swans ten minutes before the break which all but wrapped up the win.

Jamie Kempston scored a consolation for Erith after 70 minutes but Darren had the last word with his hat trick goal two minutes from time.

Olney held to draw

OLNEY rugby club remain mid table in the South West East 1 East division after a 25-25 draw with Trowbridge on Saturday.

It was a determined effort from the home side in tricky weather conditions and but for a late try from the visitors they may have held on for all the points.

Tries came from Taffy, Chris Small, Richard James, Chris Parnham (captain)

With a conversion and cobnversion from James Hawkin

Bletchley who find themselves one place above in the league were crushed at home to Wycombe by 31-7

Oche, oche, oche

THE ladies darts team of the Shoulder of Mutton in Calverton are celebrating winning the title for the second year running.

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Sebastian Vettel's championship hopes still alive – see page 75

Dream debut for Doran

MK Dons 2 Southend Utd 0

Johnstone's Paint Trophy
Second round Southern section

BY JAMES CUNLIFFE

Debutant Aaron Doran slides in Dons' first goal against Southend last night

SUPPOSEDLY there is never a foregone conclusion in football except, that is, when MK Dons play Southend United.

The Dons have won all five of their previous contests and in all but one have netted twice and so it proved again.

New loan signing from Blackburn Rovers Aaron Doran had only been at the club since Monday but he marked his new territory with a debut goal and a man-of-the-match showing.

Mark Carrington added the second just before half time on his return to the first 11 before a second half that saw Dons slip into cruise control.

As well as Doran and Carrington, manager Paul Ince made two other changes from the side that triumphed at the Withdean on Saturday. Danny Swailes was handed his first start in over 13 months and Luke Howell were also thrust back into the starting line-up.

Dons could have fielded 11 cardboard cut-outs and still been assured of progression into the next round it was that easy.

The 2007 winners made their mark in the 18th minute. With the Shrimpers all at sea on their left Aaron Wilbraham slid in the loanee whose cool finish made it look like an astute bit of business from Ince.

United have only ever managed two goals against the Dons and that didn't look likely to change as two wildly off target long range efforts were all that Steve Tilson's men could muster in reply.

Dons' returning centre-half could have brought his pipe and slippers as he had one of the easiest first half returns imaginable from an Essex team who had somehow managed the second highest goal tally on the road in League One.

On the stroke of half time Dons exhibited the scalpel-like incision that their dominance had demanded with the best move of the match and Wilbraham again providing the assist with a virtual carbon copy of the first, but for the range of the pass.

A Luke Howell pass found its way to the target man after a Jermaine Easter dummy. A short lay-off on the edge of the area again required only the simplest of finishes from Carrington who drilled into the same corner as Doran.

The second half turned into the Jemal Johnson versus the Steve Mildenhall show with the Shrimpers' keeper at least earning a personal victory as four times he thwarted the striker to prevent a rout.

Dons went close three times in a minute soon after the restart as the keeper saved the first of Johnson's stingers, before Wilbraham hooked onto the bar. The third saw the stopper save brilliantly on the line from Dean Lewington's header.

Just after the hour Southend's number one again kept out from another spiteful Johnson shot but by then the Dons were merely toying with them enough to introduce Sam Baldock who returned from England U20 duty.

Two outstanding low fingertip saves in the final 20 minutes from Mildenhall was the final point on a simple step closer to Wembley.

MK DONS: Gueret, Lewington (c), McCracken, Easter (Baldock, 63), Wilbraham, Johnson, Carrington, Howell, Leven (Gobern, 80), Swailes, Doran (Morgan, 78). SUBS: Spearle, Powell. Booked: Wilbraham, 87

SOUTHEND UNITED: Mildenhall, Francis, Christophe, Barrett (C), Barnard (Freedman , 74), Moussa (O'Keefe, 69), Sankofa, O'Donovan, Herd, Laurent, Sawyer SUBS: McCormack, Joyce. Booked: Christophe, 78, Francis 90, Sawyer, 90

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